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One Campus?

Unity between Armour and Lewis is a goal which everyone should be striving for. Yet, a traditional fete such as Junior Week was celebrated only by those students of the south campus.

It is true that students of Lewis were invited to attend, but how could this be done when classes were held? For example, the west campus has a baseball team which was organized for Junior Week but the scheduled game with the Co-ops had to be called off because of this difficulty.

Each year there is some reason, supposedly, for this lack of inter-campus coordination. One year, I believe it was because our semester ended sooner and we could not afford to lose a day. But, there is no such problem this time, as we all finish at the same time.

The only explanation we the students can find is that the majority of faculty members of Lewis do not know the meaning of the phrase "school spirit" and they put one day of "book learnin'" in front of a day of fun and relaxation—which they should really participate in each year along with the students.

—BARTUSEK.

Appreciation Credits

"Low prices on books and supplies through dividend returns," that's the motto of the Co-op Book Store of Illinois Tech. These dividends are possible through co-operative buying AND mainly through the many hours of unrewarded labor that a few students put in to keep the Co-op functioning.

It seems ironical that fellows should work long hours saving money for the student body, and then have to pay out cash for their own books. What would be more appropriate than giving these fellows some of their books and supplies free.

Realizing that all students who have received dividends from the Co-op are anxious to show their appreciation in some form, the *Technology News* presents the following plan.

Students working 8 hours a week or more for a semester would receive \$20 credit for books and supplies for the following semester. Other credits would be graded down to \$5 for three hours per week.

Even though these amounts are small for the amount of work involved, it would show the appreciation of the student body. If the share-holders in the Co-op would back such a plan, appreciation credits could be given for the summer semester.

—ROWBOTHAM.

MAN OF THE WEEK

Sportsman, Actor, and Writer--That's Cliff Oliver

MAIL CALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning I.I.T. men and women in the armed services will be printed in this column, and excerpts from letters from these men and women will also be presented. Contributions to the column will be welcomed, and the newspaper staff will make every effort to obtain news and letters from the stars of Illinois Tech's service flag—a group now numbering more than 700.)

By PETE MINWEGEN

This week we have a special release from the high offices. Any service man sending a letter to mail call in care of *Technology News* shall receive a semester's subscription. Yes, the *Technology News* will be sent to Tech service men wherever they may be, free of charge.

V V V

Phil Richman, Army aviation cadet in training at the University of Denver, Colorado, now has 1½ hours in the air. Keep 'em flying, Phil!

Jack LeVentis, Tech track man of last year, and his roommate John Reed, former soph student Union representative, were both in the Army Hospital at Ypsilanti, Michigan, with scarlet fever contacted from their room-mate. They are now out of danger and back at their studies in the Meteorology "B" course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

V V V

Sherman Faber who led a brief frosh life here at Tech is now a member of the 310th Infantry, Company A of Uncle Sam's Army.

From way down south at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, Chuck Bendig of Co. A 17th Training Bn., hopes to hear from all his friends.

"Spike" Contes received a sharpshooter's medal as he scored 187 out of a possible 240 points. He is now at the University of Michigan studying Mechanical Engineering. Besides this medal he was awarded his stripes and Spike is now a sergeant! He is well on his way as a good officer and another Tech student heads toward victory.

V V V

Pvt. Bob Ryan, formerly of Lewis, is now occupant of hut 58 down at Kessler Field, Mississippi. If you get a chance drop Bob and the rest of the boys a letter!

V V V

Once again we want to stress the fact that any member of the armed services who is a former Tech student will receive a semester's subscription to the *Technology News* merely by dropping Mail Call a line about what he is doing and where he is doing it.

HONOR BOARD

By EARL MILLS

With the rapid approach of final exams, anxious feeling has arisen as to what stand the Honor System will support. So as to clarify any rumors or announcements, the Board is presenting its recommendations. These points are the result of collective knowledge gained during the semester in quiz cases.

1. Responsibility for fair exam lies with the students.
2. You are not forced to sign the pledge, but if you have abided by the rules of the System, it is certainly your honor to sign it.
3. If there is insufficient room in a class, alternate exams should be given to allow more freedom.
4. The System is based on the spirit in which the students take it; the Board will not try to regiment.

HONOR.

By BOB KING

Cliff Oliver, one of the most active and well-liked members of the Junior Chems, certainly rates this distinction, "Man of the Week."

Although Cliff has taken an exceptionally active part in student activities, he has managed to keep his feet on the ground and continues to be a regular fellow.

He is probably best known for his fine handling of the intramurals. Managing the intramurals is a job which requires the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, and the driving energy of a draft horse. Since Cliff succeeded Kenny Jacobs as boss of the intramurals in January the interest in IM sports has been steadily increasing.

Cliff's love of sports is attested to by the fact that he is Sports Editor of the *Integral* and Assistant Sports Editor of *Technology News* for two years.

As President of the Student Union Board of Control, it has been Cliff's job to assist "Sonny" Weissman in making the Student Union a better place in which to live.

Is it especially fitting that Cliff be man of the week at this time because he is taking an active part in two outstanding campus activities:—the presentation of "The Drunkard" by the Armour Players and the presentation of Junior Week by the Juniors. Cliff was elected a Junior Marshall last March and, as such, presided over the games and contests of last week.

It's characteristic of Cliff that he was willing to sacrifice pride for the Cause and take a female role, the part of Miss Spindle, in the cast of "The Drunkard."



Cliff Oliver

names 'n notes

KEN EPSTEIN has had a taste of how it feels to be a politician. When he was in eighth grade he was appointed Alderman for a day during Youth Week. . . . BOB KING has had three sets of teeth. His second set was knocked out in an automobile accident and a third set grew in. . . . ROBERT LA CAVITA won the CYO feather weight boxing title when he was 15 years old. . . . PHIL RINCK 4-A co-op traveled with an orchestra for two weeks to Nebraska. He played the saxophone and clarinet. . . . MR. G. GIBSON, chemistry professor, has seen the West Indies. MR. EDWIN CIESLAK earned a fellowship which entitled him to travel abroad to do research. . . . BLANCHE FRIED in the U. S. now for 3½ years, left her native home Czechoslovakia 3 months after Hitler had invaded her town. Personally she saw the man who has so many doubles. . . . When HENRY ALTENKAMP and JIM WOODBURY took a canoe trip through the wilds of Canada, they met only two other travelers.

The Collegiate World

The best college students finish their examinations either first or last, says Donald M. Johnson of the Fort Hays, (Kan.) State college of psychology department. Mediocre students usually complete their papers in the middle third of the period.

It's Dr. Johnson's theory that the first third of the students are speedy because of superior intelligence the last third are the plodders who get good grades because by pains and persistence; the middle third are the fellows who aren't very much interested in the subject.

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The Texas Christian university campus is without a single varsity sports squad this spring, probably for the first time in 50 years.

from our READERS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication, although a writer's name will be withheld from publication if desired. The Managing Board reserves the right to select the letters to be printed whenever the number of letter submitters exceeds the space allotted for this column.)

May 6, 1943

Dear Sir:

The letter signed "K., R., and E." which appeared in your issue of May 3rd raises a question which, it seems to me, needs some clarification.

In the first place, it should be kept in mind that all college students enrolled in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps are definitely officer candidates from the moment they enlist. On the other hand, there is no assurance that they will win a commission. The whole plan simply provides an opportunity for a student to try for such a commission.

The particular point at issue in this correspondence concerns a group of our present Juniors who are enrolled in the ERC. We have been notified by the Army that all of our students thus enlisted will be called for active duty within the two weeks immediately following the close of the current semester. It has been definitely stated by the Army that when these men are called they will be given an opportunity to choose the branch of the service in which they wish to serve. If they have the necessary qualifications, they will be marked for that branch.

The Juniors mentioned above wish to qualify for the Army Air Corps, Ground Crew. This branch requires that a student shall have completed three years of a standard engineering course. To be eligible for transfer to the Ground Crew of the Air Corps, a student must submit a transcript of his college record showing that he has satisfactorily completed three years of the course.

Some students have asked that transcripts be issued now showing their complete record as it will be at the end of this semester. At a meeting of the Curriculum Committee held April 27th, it was voted not to issue any official transcripts prior to the close of the semester, and this, I believe, is the chief cause of the present controversy.

It should be borne in mind that whether a student applies now for transfer to the Air Corps or waits until he is inducted will have no bearing upon his chances for a commission. The normal procedure would be for him to wait until he is inducted and then make application for the Air Corps. Making such an application now is simply seeking to anticipate the program by a few weeks.

We have agreed to give each of these students a transcript of his record as it stands to date, together with a letter stating that at the end of this semester the candidate will have completed three years of college work in engineering. This seemed better in the opinion of the committee than to issue now a transcript, a portion of which would be tentative and subject to change. It is doubtful if the armed services would accept such a transcript.

In my office we have been trying very hard to give the students the best service possible in all of their dealings with the armed services. We shall continue to do so to the very best of our ability and will do anything consistent with sound educational and institutional policy.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Peebles,
Dean of Engineering