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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.)

The following lines were taken from a letter by Pvt. Arthur W. Horwitz, a former sophomore Mechanical Engineering student, who is now stationed at the University of North Dakota.

"I am one of the fellows who was called at the end of February by the Army Air Corps. I spent about four weeks in Basic Training out at Fresno, California, and was shipped out here.

There are quite a few fellas from IIT out here. Russ Loomis Jimmy Hinde, Wally Moe, Trevor Miner, Bill Maier, Rudolph Larson, Ed Ozimek, Henry Weber and a few others whose names I can't recall. We were given classification tests back at Fresno, and the IIT boys were all close to the top.

Most of us flew for the first time recently . . . We are supposed to get about ten hours of dual instruction here before leave for classification."

V V V

For all fellows who are curious as to how the Army trains mechanical engineers, the following letter tells the story. It is from Spero "Spike" Kontos, a former meech student of IIT, now stationed at the University of Michigan.

"Early in March I was called in for a written exam for the Army Specialized Training. Thanks to engineering I passed and was given permission to take an interview before a major and a captain. They classified me for Engineering Training and told me I would be called to be sent to some university in the very near future.

On March 20 my shipping orders came through and I was sent here to the University of Michigan to study Mechanical Engineering.

Just an example of how busy I am here. I am carrying 37 hours. Can you believe that! We are completing an entire year of Physics, Calculus, Engineering Drawing, and Military Science in 11 weeks. I have straight classes form eight to five and compulsory study from 7:30 until 10. The rest of my time is taken up in chow, cleaning rooms, and personal equipment. Shoes no longer have to shine — they have to glisten. It is strictly West Point stuff. In fact, this is supposed to be as close to West Point as it can possibly be. They really keep us on our toes."

V V V

Among the recent "students then —servicemen now" to visit IIT were Sgt. Robert Elliott, a former co-op, who is now stationed at Robins Field, Georgia, and Ensign Robert Funk, FPE '43.

Ensign Funk received his commission immediately after graduation and was sent to the University of Arizona. The courses were easy for an IIT graduate, and beautiful coeds were plentiful. Bob's classmates had commissions from ensign up; however, during the week, plain brown uniforms were worn, and the men were all considered as student officers. On week-ends, the gold braid and the self-respect were donned, and the student officers could speak to civilians on campus. Ensign Funk is now taking advanced work in Diesel Engineering.

By EARL MILLS

Not many engineering students possess leadership ability in addition to their successful grasp of scientific matter. However, Harry Anderson, this week's selection for honor, has both attributes.

His election to the presidency of the Illinois Tech Student Association was an example of that fact. Let us look back a few years and inquire into his past record. He arrived here in September, 1940, the recipient of a freshman competitive scholarship.

Harry's a western boy, coming from Kalispell, Montana. He finished high school as editor-in-chief of the paper and valedictorian of his class. He was also awarded medals as best student officer, and best math and science student.

He continued his advance here with his election as freshman president from 1940 to '41. *Technology News* also welcomed



Harry Anderson

him as a reporter on the staff. In his sophomore year he was awarded the Bernard E. Sunny Scholarship for his collegiate performance. Descending the class leadership throne momentarily, he ran for the job of soph ITSA representative and was defeated by Don Maihock.

Harry joined Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1941 and continued a close friendship with brothers Ed Farrell, former editor of *Tech News*, and Harry Heidenreich, track captain and coach. He has participated in nearly all of the interfraternity sports as a good team player. The Pi Kaps elected him treasurer in 1942.

Although his studies took a large portion of his time, Harry found hours to play the trumpet in the orchestra during his second year. In April, 1942, he ran for the office of first vice-president of the ITSA Board and won, this time defeating Maihock. In order to devote more time to the ITSA, he relinquished his position as headline editor of *Tech News*.

Here is a little footnote to the election. Prior to this time, a sophomore elected to the vice-presidency of the ITSA automatically became president in his senior year. An amendment was passed at this time changing the old procedure so that there would be no automatic ascension. Harry is the last to follow the old system, and hence felt free to drop some other activities in favor of ITSA.

He continued his third year in honor, and was one of five juniors initiated into Tau Beta Pi. At the present, he is vice-president of the Beta chapter of Illinois. Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, also claims him as a brother.

The ITSA and Student War Council have been the scene of Harry's activity this past semester. The achievements of the Board have been manifold, backed by Harry's aggressiveness and perseverance. He also stands as a charter member of the National Intercollegiate War Council, meeting semi-monthly.

Being a member of the Naval Reserve, he will soon take part in the Navy program here at school. However, it will in no way interfere with his ITSA responsibility.

names 'n notes

HENRY T. HEALD, only 38, is the youngest president in history for the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. . . . GRACE PREWITT, Heald's new secretary, is a former national collegiate debate champion. . . . JOE HINDE was colonel of the brigade staff which is composed of the top R.O.T.C. men in Chicago. . . . RHODA WEITZMEN, Lewis student, paid her first visit to the Armour campus to work on this issue of *Technology News*.

1943 SENIORS

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. . . Obtained his education at his own expense.

MAMORU MASAKI—Has a difficult time between the air tunnels in Victory Hall and the coeds at U. of C. . . . Outstanding in Aeronautics. . . . Member of Tau Beta Pi and Tau Omega.

WARREN OHGREN—Here is the mainstay of the class sports program. . . . Likes a good argument and usually wins. . . . Test engineering is his field.

LEO ORSI—Manager of the tennis team. . . . Phi Kap and B.O.N. man. . . . Lives up to true mechanical tradition of sleep walking at school and waking up at 5 p.m.

ROBERT ROSE—One of the scholarly mechs who wears a Tau Beta Pi key. . . . Now busy as a Fluid Mechanics instructor.

HAROLD SOGIN—For five years the "brain" of the co-op class, Hal will now continue in graduate work. . . . Described by his classmates as likely successor to Einstein. . . . Scholastic average 2.95, 3.00 is perfect.

ALFRED THOMPSON—Really earned his degree the hard way: eight years of night school at Carnegie Tech and IIT. . . . An engineer at Standard Railway in Hammond.

JOHN VOLAKAKIS—A popular member of the civil class and a fraternity president. . . . Voted the ideal WAVE escort by his friends.

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MILDRED LINNEA BERG—The girl that has been working hard to fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor, and will now have to work harder than ever at being one.

LORNA ELIZABETH BOONE—Has succeeded in completing a tough four years of chemistry. . . . Now she'll try her hand in the chemistry world.

HERBERT LOUIS BOREN—One of the tallest of the graduating class is leaving the biology department for something better.

HYMAN FINKELSTEIN—Speaks excellent German. . . . Known as a chemistry whiz.

GERALDINE MARY GREEN—Vice-president of the Senior class. . . . Will take herself and her sweet smile away from Lewis soon.

HELEN FLORENCE MARZULLO—The actress, who will play a new role soon. . . . She'll start teaching boys and girls to act properly.

VIOLET TUKICH—A good-looking blonde. . . . President of the Sigma Beta Theta sorority. . . . A potential candidate for the services.



Residents of Delaware, Ohio, are objecting to Ohio Wesleyan University students holding hands while going to and from class. Not that they are against romance, but as one person pointed out in a letter to the editor of the local paper: "The average person using the sidewalk must dodge in and out, trying to find an opening, as a Wesleyan back in a football game."

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

As the army boys at Louisiana signed the payroll vouchers, sewing kits were distributed to each man and with them went the good old saying—"As you sew, so shall you rip."

Remember the System

By ripping "honor" from its place in the reminder posters during the final examinations, a part of the student body indicated only too clearly that to ask for honor on their part was to ask for something which they didn't have.

However, merely ripping the word "honor" from the sign would have held little significance had it not at the same time been so characteristic of the attitude which prevailed during the examinations themselves.

Fortunately, most of the students were equally offended by this display, but our greatest weakness lies in the fact that we do not realize as yet that a major factor in the successful establishment of an Honor System lies not only in refraining from dishonest practices ourselves, but in an active and continual fight to discourage others from doing the same. Too few realized that the Honor Board is at their disposal to aid in every manner the fight against these practices which are robbing us of our recent heritage.

The Honor Board itself, on the whole, has done a fine job. They have acted quickly, fairly, and with discretion. Few students are even aware that at least one student was asked to leave, and that several more were failed as a result of deliberate attempts to cheat.

But few realize, also, the many cases in which a student has merely been warned, and allowed to continue relatively undisturbed. In every case dire action was taken only when the person clearly indicated an attitude undesirable under a system of our sort.

The one weakness of the board has been in the failure to decide upon and adopt a definite policy. The recent examinations have shown that future policy must be more punitive, at least until the Honor System is accepted without reservation by both the student body and the faculty. The power is already theirs; they have but to wield it.

A definite necessity is ridding the Institute of all who are unwilling to cooperate with the Honor System. At the time of enrollment everyone will be asked to sign a pledge to do just that; we hope those who are unwilling to cooperate without mental reservations will go to a school where no such pledge will be required of them.

The present Honor Board will soon be replaced by one elected by the students themselves. This change will be taking place at a most crucial time, one which might easily see the Honor System either firmly established or completely broken. It is imperative that the candidates be chosen for integrity rather than popularity. It is also imperative that they be fully informed and aware of the job confronting them.

To insure a future for the Honor System, we propose the following steps:

Require each candidate to obtain a three-fourths approval of the retiring board, before accepting his name for a ballot.

Elect two members from the retiring board to serve in an advisory capacity on the new board.

Elect a member in each class at the beginning of each semester who will be directly responsible to the board for the conduct of his class during the semester.

Use the teeth in the System for biting, not for smiling.

—LARSON