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Blood, Sweat, and Beers

"...we give the blood and get beer and tomorrow we'll have the blood back. And who knows, it may save some poor bloke in the big show."

Sounds like these words came from somebody "back home," doesn't it? They didn't, though.

A British Tommy, one of the veterans of the North Africa campaign, said them, and he said them at a blood donor's station in the middle of the desert over there.

He was just one of hundreds of soldiers, all just like himself, who every day are volunteering a half-pint of blood for a pint of ice-cold beer—volunteering when the temperature is stuck at about twenty degrees over the century mark, and anything cold is at a premium.

That offer is only good in North Africa, but the Illinois Tech Student War Council is starting a blood drive right here, this week, and while they aren't in a position to offer anything quite so material in exchange for your blood, they will see that all you have to do is sign up here, and go down to the bank when a time is arranged for you.

The Red Cross will do the rest, which includes seeing that you have something under your belt when you leave.

They can't guarantee that you will get every bit as much satisfaction as that British Tommy who has seen Red Cross blood fighting side by side with him in battles, but you will have a feeling that you didn't have before, and it's a good one.

Maybe your blood will have to go farther, but it's just as good when it gets there. Remember that.

Add your name to the list before you forget.
—LARSON

It Could Be

The students at IIT are still without a lunchroom.

All of the efforts of the administration have not been sufficient to solve the problem. And the problem is a real one to every civilian student here.

In reality, there is no need for the present situation. It is the purpose of this article to present suggestions for alleviating the situation.

A system of three lunch periods starting at 11:00 a.m. and continuing until 2:00 p.m. for both the navy and civilian students can be devised. There are about 400 navy men on the Armour campus. Divide this number by three and you have the number of navy students to eat lunch in each one of the periods.

The seating capacity of the cafeteria is 340. Dividing the lunchroom into two equal sections will provide more than enough places for the navy and just about enough for the civilians.

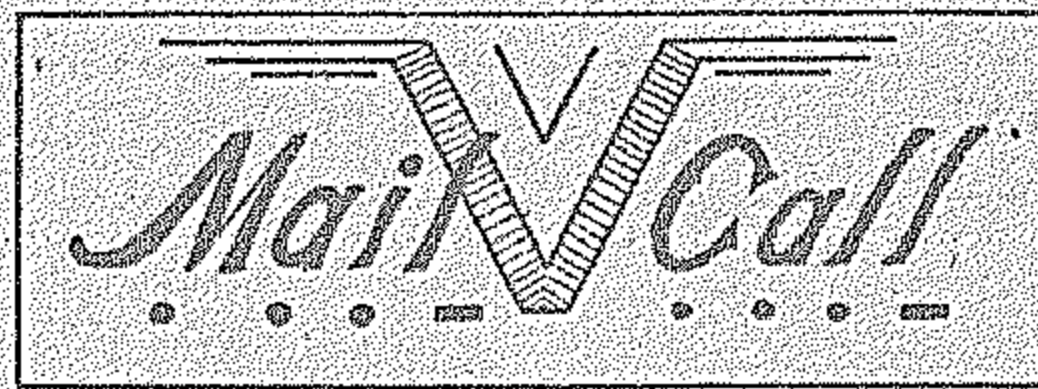
Not only will this method provide more adequate facilities for a greater number, but it will save the navy men much time formerly spent waiting in line.

—OLSON

Man Of The Week

Scholar, Artist, Activity Man, Socialite, Chem Engineer All in One—This Is Lind

By RAY OLSON



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning IIT 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 LOU WENGEL

One of the first to answer the call in 1941, T/5 Hugh Williamson, M.E.-C. '44, who has travelled from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and is now a part of the Army specialized training program stationed at University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, Calif.

"I have been assigned to the University of Santa Clara and this is really the students' paradise. Imagine going to school with all expenses paid including paper and pencils and then getting paid on top of that. The program is far from being a snap since six days a week we spend ten hours a day in classes or supervised study. We are free from 5 p.m. Saturday until 5 p.m. Sunday and then the rest of the evening is spent in supervised study."

V V V

From Pvt. Mark Dunnell, M.E. '44, now taking A.S.T.P. training at Camp Wolters, Texas, comes information of what an infantryman must go through in preparing for battle.

"In the first place it is hotter than HELL in Texas. Below 100 is considered a cool day. On a scorcher it goes up to 120 and higher. Also we arrived in this training cycle two weeks late and have had to make it up, but we are doing O.K. and the battalion has set a national record in rifle marksmanship. We also learn hand grenades and machine guns, and other infantry weapons.

Yesterday, we learned about gas warfare and went through Lewisite (horrible stuff), phosgene, mustard gas, and chloropicrin without gas masks to identify smells. Last night we marched and bivouacked under a beautiful full moon and went under gas attack."

V V V

Also sweltering in the broiling sun Pvs. Byron Round and Charles Kill, both M.E. '44 and stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, send in a joint letter. Following are Byron's comments in part.

"We're taking the A.S.T.P. basic. We're supposed to be sent back to a school after we're through here. The setup is sure funny. We are scheduled for A.S.T.P., considered as B.I.'s (Branch Immaterials); are in a cavalry unit with cavalry officers and cavalry insignias, and are taking an infantry basic. The branch immaterial means that we can be put into any branch of the service."

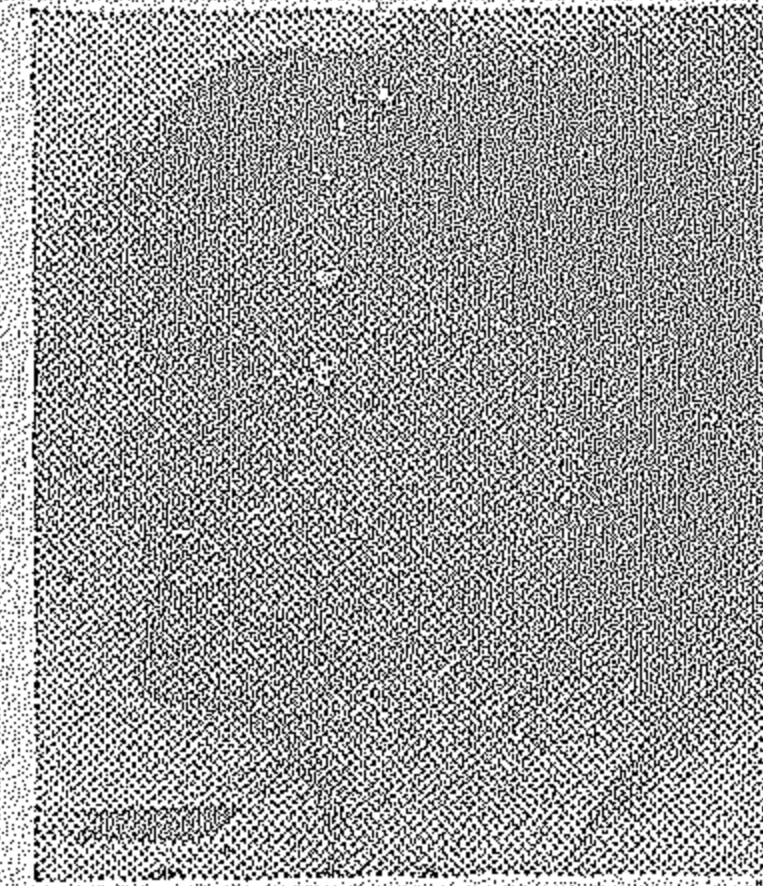
And the following are excerpts from the letter sent in by "Mathias" Kill.

"You know when I first heard that the human body was made up to 90% water I thought it was a fallacy, but now I believe it. Yesterday I know I sweated out twice my weight. As a part of the physical training, we don't drink any water except at noon and boy that's something under this Kansas sun. Sometimes you can't even get anything in your mouth, but it's in the training and we like it."

This week the spotlight has been focused on that man of many talents, Ronald Lind. When the students of IIT elected "Rollo" to the vice-presidency of the ITSA a few days ago, it is doubted that they actually realized that he is in reality a combination of men rolled into one.

Lind, the scholar, ranks near the very top of his junior class. Entering Illinois Tech on a scholarship, he has gone on to prove his worth. Incidentally "Rollo" refused a scholarship to Purdue University in order to attend IIT. He missed being a sailor when after receiving an appointment to Annapolis, the physicians pronounced his eyes faulty.

Lind, the artist, is the gentleman who draws the cartoon for *Technology News*. When but



Ronald Lind

a tiny lad, "Rollie" took drawing lessons and since then art has been one of his spare time activities. When he has the opportunity he enjoys dabbling a bit with oil paints. However, his studies have kept him too busy to do as much of this as he would like.

Lind, the activity man, is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and Alpha Chi Sigma, the national professional chemical fraternity. In addition he satisfies a second of his hobbies, namely music, by being a member of the Glee Club. He also finds time to play third base for the junior chems.

Lind, the socialite, is probably the most insignificant of the "Linds." He firmly claims that he has no time for night life and other such pleasures. However, there is reason to believe that he is more of a social lion than he pretends.

Lind, the chemical engineer, says that his plans for the future expire with his 2A draft classification in December. However, when the war is over, he intends to settle down and devote his time to his proposed profession, chemical engineering.

The Collegiate World

Lawrence College (Appleton, Wis.) is the only college in the Midwest Athletic Conference to have a Navy V-12 unit so the pre-arranged schedule in the conference football will have to be re-arranged as Navy students will be able to play collegiate ball.

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Carnegie Institute of Technology recently received an endowment of \$33,333.00 from the Buhl Foundation and it will be used in the graduate program in electrical engineering.

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Iowa State Teachers College (Cedar Falls, Ia.) have an air raid siren exclusively for the campus. It was constructed by a faculty engineer.

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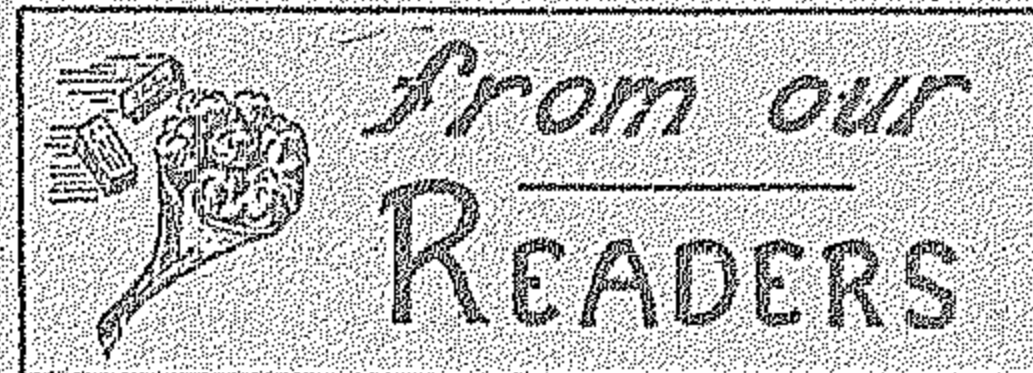
Students in vocation classes at Iowa State no longer use textbooks. Visits to various stores and professional men in Cedar Falls, Ia., serve as textbooks along with vocational magazines and periodicals.

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When the arrival of a V-12 unit threatened to disrupt eating facilities on the Texas Christian University campus last year, the University solved this problem by building a temporary cafeteria for the navy men only.

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Vassar graduates, a recent survey shows, are more successful in marriage than other college girls. Only 3% of Vassar brides reach the divorce courts, while 12% of the average college girl graduates take steps to abandon married life.



(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.)

Dear Editor:

Here's an idea for the editors of another Illinois Tech publication—the Integral.

How about having an annual issued for every term for the duration?

It strikes me that this would be much more simple and much more satisfactory than trying to figure out some schedule on the basis of what might be a school year under the new year-round classes. I don't know how else you could decide on a fairer basis for the issuance of an annual, unless the editors plan to use divine guidance to figure out "when an annual."

After all, there is to be a commencement after every term now. If an annual is issued only every two terms, then some seniors are going to be neglected—and yet their good money will help pay for the annual. A good example is what happened to the recent May class: they have no annual by which to remember their graduation.

And, say, if we wait until February for another annual, as it is indicated we may, that will make three terms and only one book. That isn't right no matter how you look at it. And then I wonder how many terms we'd have to wait for another annual?

Let's quit guessing as to when we may have an annual and become sure of one each term. There is going to be such a turnover of students each term from now on that this is the fairest and squarest way for all.

B.P.T.

To the Editor:

In reply to the letter of "Coed"—Last week you gave vent to a grievance that the Lewis coeds were not invited to the Navy Welcome Dance. This dance was sponsored by the IIT dance club.

Last year the club began asking girls to attend the instruction sessions as partners. The first source was naturally the Lewis coeds. Invitations were sent to them both by letter and via the school paper not once but several times. These invitations were not accepted.

Later personal invitations from the club's president were given to influential persons on the Lewis campus. Even with all these overtures the coeds turned a deaf ear to the dance club.

Therefore when arrangements were being made for the navy dance, the Lewis coeds were again thought of as dance partners. However, due to the manner in which other invitations were received, it was thought best that in order that the dance be a success, the girls to be invited should be those who would be sure to attend. This was done with the result of a dressing down by a Lewis coed in this column.

The dance club would be glad to have them attend any and all of its functions, but why did they wait until the navy arrived before they professed a desire to do so. The only solution that enters my mind is that they thought that the civilian students of the past were not good enough for them but the service men of the present are.

Girls, is that your feeling???

Ted Pilat,

Vice-president, IIT Dance Club