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Seeing Is Believing...

"...when the facilities are completed there will be a definite improvement in lunchroom conditions," promises Lippert.

"Bernard 'Sonny' Weissman, manager of the Student Union Building also announced Friday that plans for the complete redecoration of the student lounge are now underway."

The first of these quotations appeared in the August 2 issue of *Technology News*; the latter in the issue of July 12. There has been no noticeable improvement in the lunchroom situation nor in the student lounge this semester.

Certainly, the students at Armour and Lewis have been very tolerant while watching almost every student facility fade before their eyes. Fraternity houses have been given up, and most of the Student Union Building has been taken over for non-student use.

Such complaints are justified since the civilian students paid a Student Union fee in excess of what they are getting in return.

Promises for improvements soon when there is no intention of fulfilling them this semester do more damage than good.

—OLSON

High School Kids?

The administration has set aside one free hour every week on Friday at 10:30 a.m. It is used for class, club and society meetings. About once a month the whole student body is assembled at this period for a special meeting. In other words, out of the 234 class hours in the month, the school wants you to devote just one hour to develop school spirit.

Such was the meeting of last Friday morning. The honorary engineering fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, pledged seven of our fellows. This alone should have filled the auditorium. But as I have said above—"school spirit is at a new low".

Along with the majority of the students, the faculty by their conspicuous absence showed that they cared not what happens on the campus, be it social or academic.

Following the Tau Beta pledging, the commanding officers of the Army and Navy units of IIT were introduced. After this, Lieutenant Commander Sours gave a short and interesting talk about his experiences.

His talk was lively and humorous yet before he was through, a number of people got up out of their seats and proceeded to leave in the noisiest fashion they knew how.

Probable reason for this lack of respect was the fact that it was 11:20, and the "poor dears" had to make class at 11:30. These people knew that the commander was finishing his talk.

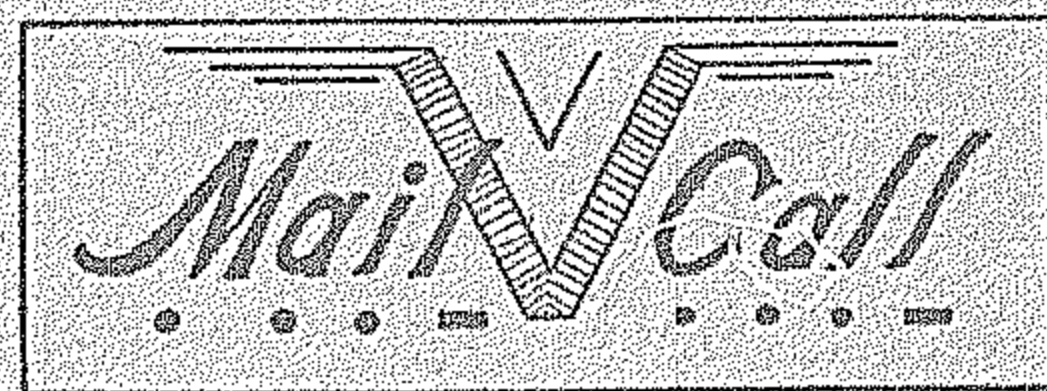
The deans were present and would have excused any lateness to class. We who stayed to the end were on time!

What a poor excuse for "pig manners"! What a way for college educated men to act!

—BACKAS

Man Of The Week—

Furst, Athlete Extra-ordinary, New Member of ITSA and Honor Board



(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

An important turn of events in the present era has made it possible for women to serve their country in various branches of the armed services. So it is that a letter was received from WAC Marge Vandemoortel, former switchboard operator on the south campus.

She is stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, and evidently is kept busy as her letter contained a card saying she will write as soon as she has time.

V V V

Ensign Earle G. Huxhold, USNR, C.E. '42, now at Camp Peary, Virginia, has the opportunity to use to good advantage the education received at IIT, for as a civil engineer he should be well equipped to perform the duties mentioned in his letter, excerpts of which follow.

"I was commissioned six weeks ago in the Civil Engineering Corps, CEC-V(s) and came down here immediately, assigned to the Seabees.

I'll probably be here about two months more and then sent with a battalion to a port of embarkation for six weeks of advanced training prior to shipping out."

V V V

A formal notification from George S. Lykowski, C.E. '41, announces his graduation and commissioning as maintenance engineer from the Technical School of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command at Yale University.

George is a member of the Army Air Corps and now has the rank of lieutenant.

V V V

Of the fortunate few that have the opportunity to select their branch of service, Ensign John C. Balsewicz, C.E. '40, was probably luckier than others.

John is stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia, and is probably unaware that another alumnus, Ensign Earle Huxhold is in the same camp.

"The draft board finally got after me so I beat them to the draw and enlisted in the Navy. Have a rating of assistant civil engineer with rank of ensign. Sounds good if nothing else.

Those wrestling workouts were a mere drop in the bucket compared to the drill and other things we get around here. Saturday night and Sunday are recuperation days and do I ever use the bunk on those days."

V V V

Here is a letter from Paul Koenig, M.E.I. '42.

"I'm now at Camp Allen awaiting shipment overseas attached to a ship repair unit which is to be sent to an advance base.

Besides our daily conditioning courses, we have instruction in firing and stripping all types of guns, bayonets, commando tactics, plane identification, judo tactics (dirty fighting), chemical warfare, etc.

It covers every phase of fighting we are likely to meet. Even our fighting equipment is complete to the smallest detail. As an example we receive a camouflage cloak for jungle fighting."

By JAMES OLDSHUE

Recently elected secretary of the Illinois Tech Student Association, member of the Honor Board, and one of IIT's outstanding all-around athletes rates Warren Furst the title of "Man of the Week."

Warren is probably best known for his abilities on the baseball diamond and the basketball court. He won freshman numerals in basketball and earned two major letters as a freshman and sophomore outfielder on the Illinois Tech nine.

As a freshman, Warren was co-winner of the Honor I freshman award for outstanding all-around athletic ability. Now as a junior, he has been pledged to Honor I and is receiving his share of the paddling given pledges.

As newly elected secretary of the ITSA, Warren will carry on the fine work done by Harry Gillespie, past secretary. Sitting on the ITSA board is not a new thrill to Warren; he served on the board as a sophomore.

Pep, energy and an ever-ready wit have alone should have filled the auditorium. But made a host of friends for Warren at IIT. That these friends trust and respect him is testified by his recent election to the Honor Board.

One of the few Fire Protection Engineers at Illinois Tech and in the United States (Illinois Tech being the only school with an accredited FPE course), he entered Illinois Tech on a four year Fire Protection scholarship. Now the Navy V-12 program has taken over his education and future for the duration.

At present he is vice-president of the Fire Protection Society at IIT.

The proudest recollection of his baseball career occurred last spring when Navy Pier shut out the Techawks on the three-hit pitching of Lee Perme, formerly of the White Sox. Warren drove out two of the three hits and stole a base from the former "big leaguer."

While attending Lindblom High School, Chicago, Furst made an enviable record. He was president of his graduating class of 777, letter winner as a left fielder on the baseball team and, in the school contest for King and Queen of the Senior Prom, he was chosen "King."

As for outside hobbies, Warren is an expert on rock gardening, a pastime which has been sharply curtailed by the strenuous navy program. Swimming, however, is one activity which he enjoys and in which the navy requests his participation.

Furst enjoys dancing. His is a familiar face at all IIT social affairs. Kay Kyser is his favorite band leader. He is not entirely a swing fan for one of his favorite methods of relaxing is listening to light classical music.

Being a Fire Protect, Warren does not want to set the world on fire, but after the war he hopes to enter the Cook County Inspection Bureau, the fire insurance rating organization of Chicago.

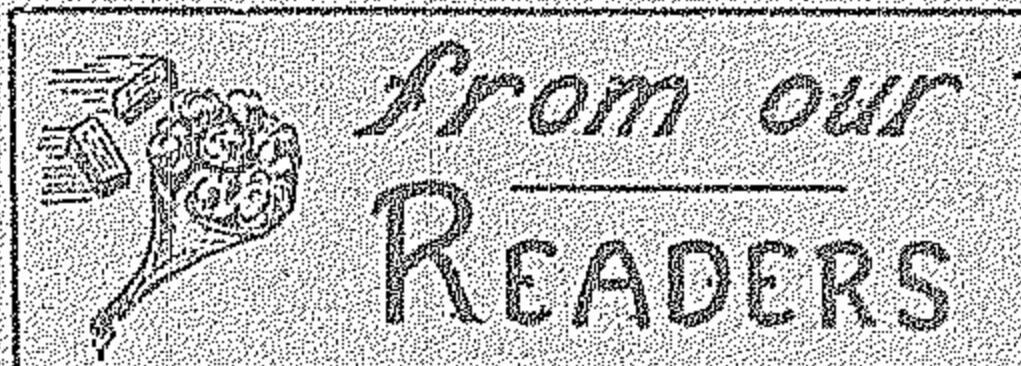
The Collegiate World

A model plane flown by remote control was made by Ernest Hall of the 80th college training detachment at Iowa State Teachers College. The pilot on the ground controls the flight and it is possible to have the plane loop, hedge-hop, and even dive bomb.

A speed of 59 miles an hour is attained for the five or six minute period the plane is in flight.

Other U-controlled planes which Hall has built include a P-40, Bell Airacobra, Tiger Shark, Baby Shark, and the A. J. Fireball. Some of them were built with motor controlled devices which permit them to land with the motor running.

Twelve-week semesters are on the program for the new freshmen at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Their schedule will parallel the Army Specialized Training Program now in effect there.



(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,

Why are there two distinct classes of students on the campus? What classes? Why, the ones that have to work and the ones that don't have to work!

How does one distinguish between them? Look for the uniform. If he wears a uniform, he works for Uncle Sam; if he doesn't wear one, he may or may not work for Uncle Sam.

Navy and Army men are getting their educations because the War Department wants its officers to possess technical skills in addition to the normal qualifications of leadership.

They are doing a fine job. Their attendance in class is phenomenal, and their personal conduct on the campus is excellent.

Civilians are deferred because of the terrific manpower shortage of engineers and because Their Country Needs Them as skilled workers as badly as the armed forces need trained officers.

Why then should there be any differentiation in the seriousness of class attendance, when the existence of both classes of students on the campus is justifiable by the same common objective—that of bringing this war to an early and successful conclusion.

Is the school a refuge, or is it a place to help win the war? If it is a refuge, we can continue to cut classes and be disrespectful to our hard working prof's. If it is a place to win the war, let's dig in and show by our actions that we're sincere and intend to do a good job.

Which side of the fence are we on???

Interhonorary Council

Dear Editor:

The spontaneous and enthusiastic response from the Faculty in regard to the recent articles in the *Tech News* (Editorial and Letter to the Editor) concerning them—the fact that they indicated a sincere interest in faculty-student relationships was greatly appreciated by the students.

The students agree wholeheartedly with the points made by the faculty—that schools merely stimulate and speed up education—that education is not just handed out by the school—and that many students fail to prepare themselves properly for their daily classes.

However, many of us feel that the part played by the instructor in education is more important than the writers in last week's paper seemed to indicate, especially at the present time when the load on students is greater than usual, greater than they can assume without efficient assistance.

The students realize that they are not the only ones who are overburdened. It is well understood that the Faculty is working under a greater strain than ever before and that they are working under adverse conditions.

The spirit of the faculty is excellent; it indicates that they want to do all they can. If the students would take the initiative to tell their instructors what they thought was difficult, puzzling or misleading about their lectures, the instructor and student could talk over the matter carefully and both might gain.

—Hooper