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Unfinished Business

Technology News has always kept its readers informed of what has happened around school and also what the persons in authority say will happen on campus.

The following items interested the students when they were proposed and promised.

1. The redecoration of the Student Union lounge, promised by Bernard "Sonny" Weissman.
2. The rehabilitation and furnishing of the Lewis lounge.
3. Illinois Tech students will wear badges to show their part in the war effort, promised by Dean C. A. Tibbals.
4. The obstacle course which will grow muscles on IIT students, promised by John Schommer.
5. The F-M set for lunchroom music, promised by the ITSA.
6. The reframing of the ITSA constitution. In the past years many questions have come up before the ITSA with which this outdated constitution could not cope.
7. The juke box in the Student Union lounge, promised by the Student Union Board of Control.

—ROWBOTHAM

'Keep Chicago Safe'

That the corner of 33rd and State streets is a hazard to the students of IIT as well as to the residents of the immediate neighborhood, was recently recognized by the Traffic Department of the City of Chicago.

The result of letters to this department and adverse comment in *Technology News* was a visit by a representative of the Traffic Department. The five steps outlined to remedy the situation were:

1. Paint pedestrian cross-walk.
2. Install large "Stop Sign Ahead" approximately 175 feet from the corner on State Street.
3. Making 33rd street also a stop intersection installing stop signs on 33rd street.
4. Install "No Parking" signs on all corners so that visibility will be assured.
5. All present stops signs to be cleaned and repainted.

Traffic lights, it was said, could not be installed unless the traffic count on the corner was high enough to justify the measure.

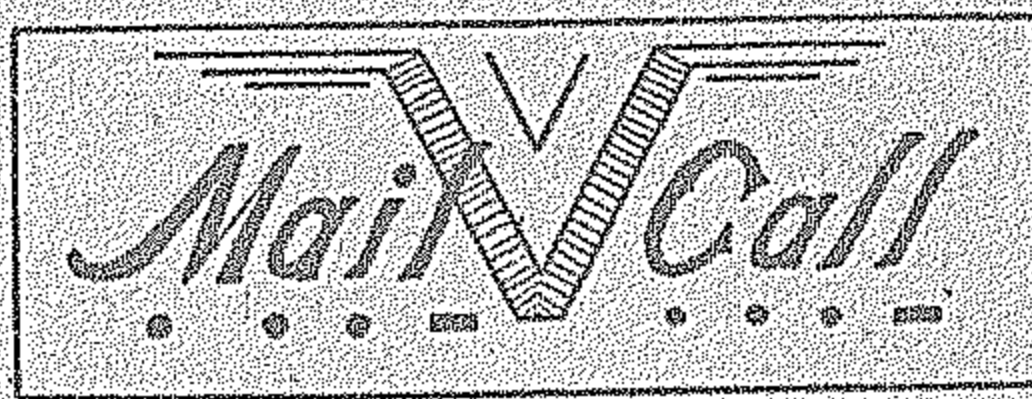
During the past year at least four accidents concerning students and faculty at IIT have occurred at this corner. Recently an army truck carrying seventeen soldiers was overturned at this corner. At the present time four-hundred Navy men each cross this intersection at least four times daily making a total of 1600 crossings each day for them.

Whether the traffic count justifies traffic lights or not, in my opinion, these other facts do.

—OLSON

Man Of The Week

Art Olson, Managing Editor of Tech News, Editor of Activities Handbook



(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

According to Pvt. Pete Minwegen's letter, army life is not always a hardship. Pete was in the C.E. class of '43 and is now stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas.

"We were sent from Camp Grant Reception Center by way of a two day train trip. We had a Pullman car and slept in a lower berth. Three of the four meals on the train were chicken."

V V V

Lt. (j.g.) R. O. Patterson, U.S.-N.R., E.E. '43, reports the following:

"I was detached from Dartmouth on April 3rd with orders to report to Woods Hole Section Base, Buzzard's Bay near Cape Cod by the 13th and then to Cornell University the 24th.

"Taking advantage of the leave of ten days, I dashed home and got married and both of us went east together. So now, while in the seventh week of a 16 week Diesel engineering course, we are working like mad."

V V V

From Patterson Field comes news of another advancement made by Lt. Eugene G. Kay, A.S. '41.

"Effective July 22, I become a first lieutenant, that being my first army promotion. I am still at Air Service Command, where I am administrative officer for the VHF Group (that means 'Very High Frequency') of the Signal Section. Looks like I'll be here for some time too."

V V V

News from the eastern battlefield comes in the form of a censored letter written by Ens. H. C. Sieg, U.S.-N.R., M.E. '42. For more details see the following:

"Right now I am somewhere in the southwest Pacific, aboard the same ship that brought us over, waiting for further orders to move up to our final destination."

"Things aboard ship such as food and living quarters are very nice but everyone seems anxious to get settled."

"The islands here are covered with coconut trees, natives and fellows from the states (no women). Every trip ashore is very interesting especially when the fellows stationed here start to tell about the experiences they have had fighting the Japs."

"I could cover pages telling you of the things I've seen and heard but I'm sure the censor wouldn't like it very well. All I can say is that the men down here haven't been sitting down on the job for one minute."

"Everyday is a working day and believe me those that are still able to put every effort into their daily tasks."

V V V

Capt. Sholto M. Spears of the Air Corps, former instructor in civil engineering, stationed at Fort Meyers, Florida, passed through Chicago recently on a trip to Minneapolis in the line of duty. Regarding the trip he writes the following:

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Two years of work for *Technology News* and a lengthy list of other services to IIT rate Arthur Olson the position of Man of the Week.

Now the managing editor, Art began his services on *Technology News* as a reporter and acted for a time as assignment editor before gaining his present office.

However, Art does not confine his literary effort to *Technology News*, for the 1943 Activities Handbook was in part a product of his pen.

In reward for his literary achievements, Art has been chosen a member of Sphinx, IIT's honorary journalism society. However, writing is but a side line to his real love, chemical engineering.

Along this line of endeavor he is a member

of Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Art's "spare" time is generally spent with his Boy Scout troop of which he is the acting scoutmaster. In any remaining time left to him by school and scouts, he dabbles in photography.

In addition Art is an admirer of fine music, both classical and operatic. As for popular music, Art will stop anytime to hear Bing Crosby croon, but that is about the extent of his regard for swing.

When he was a freshman he danced a bit in the Dance Club but since then has found little opportunity for the pastime. Also, he was for a time a member of the Rifle Club, but this, too, had to be dropped.

Art came to Illinois Tech from Tilden High School, Chicago, leaving behind him an outstanding record. At Tilden he was a cadet major in the city staff of the ROTC, for which he received special recognition from Phlanx, national honorary and professional military fraternity.

He also received a commission as brevet second lieutenant in the Illinois National Guard, signed by the late Governor Henry Horner.

He graduated as the top man in his class of over 600 and was a member of the National Honor Society.

To Art the future is bright, but indefinite. He hopes to receive his degree in February providing his draft board consents. After that his next move will depend upon world events.

The Collegiate World

Boston University's 5000 women students have the following ten commandments, distributed by Dean Lucy Jenkins Franklin. (The comments were added by the students of Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, New York.)

1. Thou shalt never allow a stranger to take you to your destination.

Why, no! Nine times out of ten they can take you to some place that will prove far more interesting.

2. Thou shalt never drink in public.

Not unless you have enough to pass around.

3. Thou shalt not sit out dances in cars.

Hurray, the horse is coming back.

4. Thou shalt not be seen with young men who are not careful to obey conventions in society.

Down with conventions! Down with society! Oh, pardon us, Mr. Hearts, we were only fooling.

5. Thou shalt not use pet phrases in conversation.

Unconstitutional! (See Article 1, Const. Amend. on freedom of speech.)

6. Thou shalt use discretion in the use of slang.

There is little else as important as knowing when to use damns, etc.

7. Thou shalt not pat or nudge a person when speaking to one. Keep your hands to yourself.

Famous last words!

8. Thou shalt never go to a man's apartment alone.

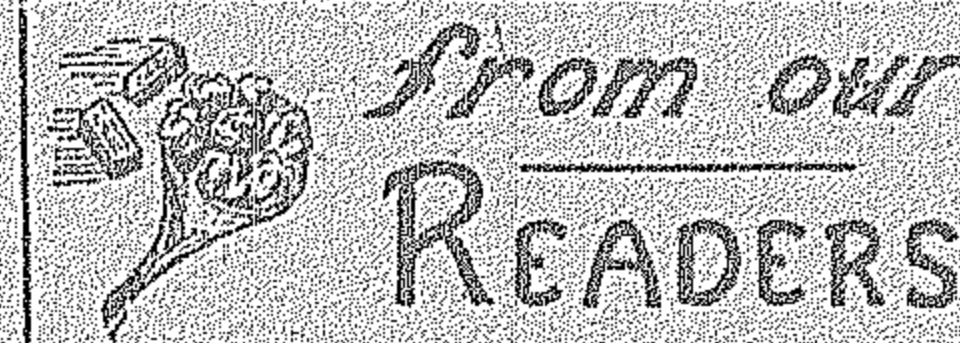
It would be a lot more fun to go with him.

9. Thou shalt not indulge in careless affection.

Why not take a little pride in your technique?

10. Thou shalt not powder your nose in the street.

(Censored).



(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,

In last week's letter to the editor by the Interhonorary Council, the civilian population as a whole was represented as a bunch of slackers.

They were boys who were going to school to stay out of the draft. And those who came to school cut classes quite a bit and were disrespectful to professors.

Surely no one can call a man a slacker when he is carrying a heavy program under this accelerated schedule. Most of us are just as anxious as the service men, if not more so, to see the successful end of this war.

That is why we continue to go to school under this handicap of heavy and accelerated programs, and amid all sorts of comments from the folks in Chicago that would tend to discourage us.

The army and navy men do have a phenomenal attendance record. After all, why shouldn't they? They are under military command and part of the discipline that makes good soldiers into good officers is to see if the candidates can take orders as well as dish them out.

Another thing, one of the requirements for continued deferment is that the student keep his grades up. If the student can do well without attending all lectures, then I say more power to him.

At the end of the semester it will be very evident from the grade cards that the civilians are doing their part.

E. J. Puchalski

Dear Editor,

It is unfortunate that the first letter of the Interhonorary Council was misinterpreted by many of the readers. It was admittedly poorly written, and several inferences were not intended as such by the author.

Mr. Packard's letter of last week heartily denounced one of the interpretations, and if he thought the letter said "civilian students are slackers", he had every right to protest. To clarify the meaning of the letter, so that the students may understand its intended vein, the following discussion is offered.

Civilian students, although they have a tough time living in a war which tries everyone's endurance and judgment, are nevertheless free and are subject only to the jurisdiction of the Selective Service Board. Since the board and the school do not have an efficient communication system, action on students who lay down on the job is often slow and sometimes entirely neglected.

This is unfair to those who are doing a good job and by virtue of which are deferred until graduation. Although no criterion of hard work, class attendance does give some indication of whether or not a student is trying to do his best.

There are many times during a student's collegiate career when cuts are entirely excusable and necessary; these have no bearing on the students' record. There are still those, however, who cut just as freely as before and with just as much carefree abandon as of old.

This sort of action by the student body, even in a small minority, is just the sort of thing that makes outsiders think there is no particular

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