

Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Getting Freshmen Into Activities

Ninety-nine to one, when the new term opens, Techmen will begin talking and wondering what to do about getting freshmen into student activities. My new employer, a large aircraft corporation, has shown me an easy answer to this all-important question.

...After I'd accepted my new job and the ink was hardly dry on my contract, I got a letter from the company's personnel depart-

ment. It was most welcome for it was a letter inviting me to join (and telling me how to do so) in all activities at the company that were similar to ones which I was in at Illinois Tech. For example, I was in Armour Eye and worked on *Technology News*. The letter told me about the company's photography club and newspaper, outlined how I could get into these activities, and indicated how profitable it would be to be a part of them. You can guess how happy this made me—and for that matter, how important—and I left for my job feeling that I already had an "in" when I arrived.

Now why couldn't Illinois Tech copy this plan?

Why not have every club and activity here send letters of invitation or "how to join" to freshmen within their first week or two on the activities akin to what they did in high school?

Technology News, I know, has been doing this, sending letters to students who worked on their high school newspapers, for nearly a year now—and with good results. I've also been told that O. Gordon Erickson invites every new student who was in high school musical activities to join the music clubs.

When I was new at IIT, I recall that it was about two years before I got into activities. I just had to wait around until I knew what the score was, how to join and what to join, etc. Why should this be necessary?

May I suggest that freshmen to Illinois Tech in the future be welcomed to the campus as I was my new job; they'll be happier, and it'll get them into activities. If the individual activities can't do it, then certainly there must be some office at Illinois Tech as concerned with students' welfare as is the personnel department of my company with its employees—maybe the letter could come from such an office.

A Former Student

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Barber Poll

By ROY PATRICK—
IIT's Official Barber

President Henry T. Heald took part in an important naval activity this past week-end. He spoke at the launching of an LSM at the Calumet Harbor Shipyard. The ship was built by the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company.

—CAL 2814—

At a recent meeting of the Dempster MacMurphy Post 857 Department of Illinois, the subject of G. I. Bill of Rights of all servicemen came up and was discussed on the floor.

Congress approved that every serviceman in War No. 2 has a right to apply for a compensation and at no time should he forfeit this right by signing any papers at any hospital in order to obtain a medical discharge if asked to do so by the medical authorities.

The next step for such veterans would be to immediately contact any American Legion or Veteran of Foreign War for information as to how he should obtain due justice and compensation in the future.

Any medical discharged veteran or friend of his who may read this article may get in touch with me at the IIT Barber Shop at any time and I, as coming Commander of the Dempster MacMurphy Post 857, shall be glad to enlighten him in regard to the American Legion G. I. Bill of Rights which we have so bitterly fought for.

—CAL 2814—

Although Norman Schmitz, former V-12er, has received a medical discharge from the Navy, he is still with us here at IIT. He's now doing work at the Institute of Gas Technology. Of course, Illinois Tech is a familiar place for Schmitz to be since he started to college here before joining the V-12.

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What is your favorite method of keeping cool?

When the rays of Ol' Sol pound fiercely down in midsummer, some people bask in it, some people stay indoors and Techmen open conversations with girls by talking about it. The old "bromide" about the humidity may be old but it's still true, and Lake Michigan supplies plenty of humidity.

Irving Snider, senior electrical: I usually try to keep my eyes off women and on such things as mint juleps. The showers on 5th floor Main offer a very convenient way for cooling off when I am in school and have a free hour.



Richard Ryde, senior mechanical:

In my spare time

at home I sit in

the basement and

read a magazine.

It is usually very

cool in the base-

ment. All other

means for keep-

ing cool in the

summer are gen-

erally too stren-

uous, and too

much energy is

exerted in trying

to keep cool. I can

keep cooler if I don't try to keep

cool, if you get what I mean.

Morton Paul, senior civil: Swim-

ming in the lake

with a beautiful

girl is my favor-

ite way to keep

cool in the sum-

mer. (There is

doubt in this re-

porter's mind as

to the keeping

cool part of this

last statement). My usual way is

to sit in the bath-

tub with a drawing board across the

top and do my homework.

A/S Douglas Snyder, senior fire

protect: I drink a

lot of coke when

I can afford it,

sleep nude at

night, and during

the day wear

dungarees in-

stead of whites.

I also go swim-

ming at Valen-

tine Pool after

my PT classes.

Above all I do no

physical work if I can possibly help

it.

A/S Harry Weinstein, junior me-

chanical: I drink

a lot of water,

take cool showers

both at school

and at quarters.

I also try to sack

off as much as

possible. Ice

cream comes in

very handy also.

This sample of

student remedies

is presented for

the reader's enlightenment, but to

complete the discussion, here are

some suggestions which were

strangely neglected. Coke may be a

convenient coolant, but what true

veteran of the mid-day heat has

never indulged in a tall glass of di-

luted spirits, that product of fer-

mentation which is the delight of

every perspiring gourmet. One won-

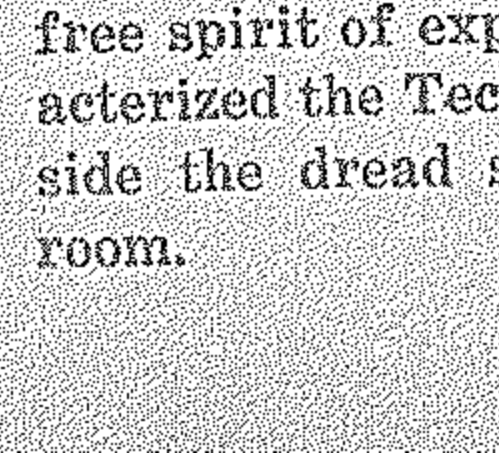
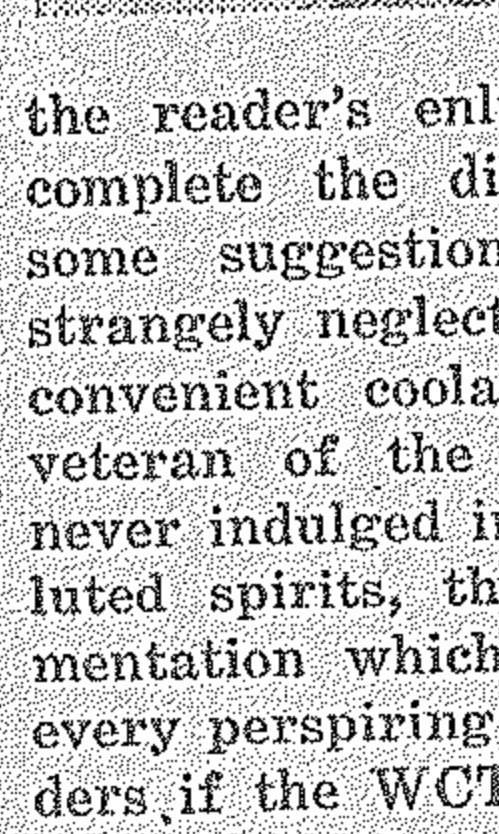
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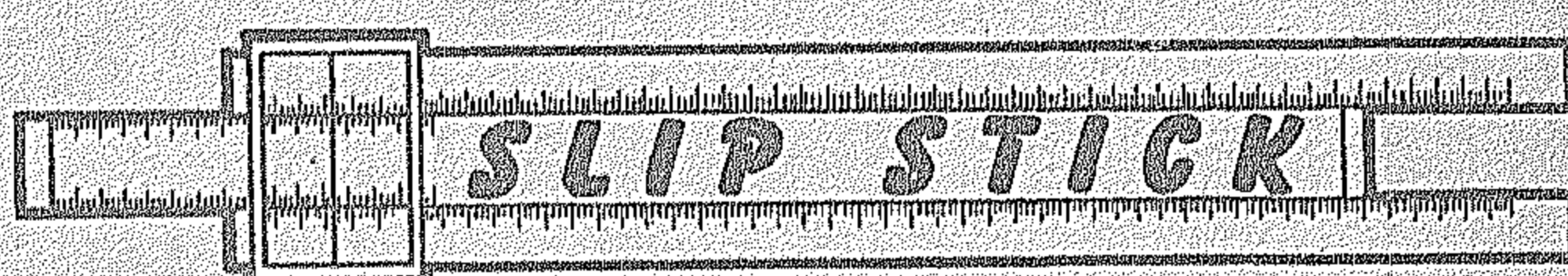
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room.



Slapstick

LEONARD KLARICH, senior architect, will be the only graduating architect in October... Mrs. ANNA ORCUTT, psychology instructor, did not receive any college degrees until after she was married... LEONARD GOST, freshman mechanical, attended barber college before coming to IIT... NAN HART, father was a student in the Armour Academy, and now NAN a secretary in the chemistry department... Four professors with last names beginning with the letter S occupy adjoining offices on the second floor, Chapin. They are V. L. STREETER; S. L. SPEARS; R. L. STEVENS, and E. STEINBERG... The story of the birth of Armour College of Engineering appeared in the June issue of *Coronet*... DR. YALE BROZEN since coming to IIT has taught in four departments, industrial engineering, physics, mechanics, and electrical engineering (in that order)... PAUL O. RIDINGS, director of the News Bureau, because of his youth has made history in two ways: (1) At 21, he was the youngest editor of a daily newspaper in Texas (the *Ennis Daily News*); (2) At 23, he was the youngest president of a college athletic conference in the nation (the Nebraska College Athletic Conference)... "Slipstick" is the only column now carried by *Technology News* which was included in the first issue of the paper in 1929... WALTER HENDRICKS, professor of English is a national officer of a new political party now in the process of formation... MRS. GRACE PREWITT KRALOVEC, secretary to the president, is a former national collegiate debate champion she won the honor as a student at William Jewell College in Missouri.



Cleave to the Slipstick—Let the Slapstick Fall Where It May

We're off on a new semester, a new paper and we hope a new trend in the line of jokes. Each joke shall now be none but the best. Maybe later we shall substitute of in place of but the preceding sentence.

It happened in one of the downtown stores during a rush. The elevator was jammed and the cables groaned.

The elevator rose slowly, and as it neared the third floor a piercing scream caused the operator to stop the car midway.

All eyes were focused on a large woman in a short silver fox jacket, who wore an injured expression. A small boy, not yet of school age stood directly behind her.

"I did it," he announced truculently. "It was in my face, so I bit it."

So they say:

A shoulder strap is a piece of ribbon worn to keep an attraction from becoming a sensation.

Rationed road to romance:
I never sausage eyes as thine,
And if you'll butcher hands in mine,
And liver round me every day,
We'll seek some ham-let far away,
And meat life's frown with love's caress,
And cleaver road to happiness.

Customer: My goodness, eggs are high.

Grocer: Sure, part of the war program.

Customer: All the hens are making shells.

"Do you like your new governor, Willie?"

"No, Mom; I hate her. I'd like to grab her and bite her neck like Daddy does."

Starkle, starkle, little twink,
Who the hell you are, I think.

I'm not under the alcohfluence of in-

cohol.

Though some thinkle peep I am.

Rush episode:

The streetcar was jammed, the day was bitterly cold and Mandy, tightly bundled, couldn't seem to find the pocket with her fare in it. Parson Brown, packed in right next to her, offered to pay her fare after several moments. She declined and continued to fumble for her money. Finally, in desperation, the Parson declared, "Mandy, ah insists on paying yo' fare. Already yo' has unbuttoned my suspenders three times."

—LARRY VYTAUTUS CERNAUSKAS

V-12 VETS

A/S EDWARD MATTICK

Being an office clerk may not be the hardest job in the world but

same cannot be said when your "office" building is located only a

miles from a Japanese division

your "office fans" are the propellers of enemy aircraft flying low over

head. Just a little more than a year ago A/S Edward Mattick of Quar-

ters #4 worked under conditions similar to those just described.

"Uncle Eddie," as he is known by his shipmates, started his career in his home town, Cincinnati,

O., in 1940. Eddie had completed his freshman and sophomore year when he decided that he had better say

the "books" until after the war and join the navy.

Upon completing "boots" and yet man's school he was sent to Australia in April, 1943.

Eddie wasn't in Australia long when he learned that he was being assigned to the American advance base in New Guinea.

At the allied outpost, Mattick was assigned the duties of personnel

yeoman. Eddie soon found out that on battered New Guinea: 1)

noise from enemy bombers and shells that would out do his typewriter twenty-four hours a day; and

2) that working through enemy raids was an every day event.

"Uncle Eddie" had been wearing his yeoman 2/c rating for several months when he decided to exchange it for the rate of a V-12 apprentice

seaman. In January, 1944 he was ordered back to the states and on

March 1, he started his Techwork as a yeoman.

—A/S BOB FREUND

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Illinois Tech appears certain to enroll its 50,000th student in war training this fall. The Institute has already had 48,639 sign up for the free, non-credit courses.

This figure gives Illinois Tech the record of conducting the largest war training program in a single city in the nation (even larger than all New York City colleges put together) and the largest at a privately-operated college. Actually, Illinois Tech ranks third in the nation in ESMWT, Penn State and the University of California ranking first and second respectively—but both of these are state colleges and both conduct their classes all over their respective states.

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Did you know...

That William A. Lewis, the author of this week's "Techmen Talk" on the opposite page, resigned as head of the department of electrical engineering at Cornell University to come to Illinois Tech and the Armour Research Foundation?

That the president of the Pabst Brewing Company, Harris Perlstein, is a graduate of Illinois Tech (and is now on the board of trustees)?

That Dorothy Thompson, Franklin P. Adams, Benny Goodman and Luther Adler all went to Illinois Tech?

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In addition to the fact that Illinois Tech was formed by the merger in 1940 of two colleges, Armour and Lewis Institutes, the Institute has also had to "take over" the space of three more schools to do its work since that time—George Williams for V-12, Northern Illinois College of Optometry for Signal Corps, and John Marshall Law School for ESMWT.

Also, in 1942 Illinois Tech bought out the RCA Institute to get its laboratory equipment.