

Campers COMMENTS

(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 and edit the letters to be printed.)

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Patience is Bliss

How long should it take to get a hair-cut? No doubt this sounds like a catch question on a truth or consequences program, but to me and, I feel, to many like me, it is most pertinent. At present the lone barber in the official IIT barber shop is so over-taxed as to actually make the situation humorous.

Collegiate World

Three students, one playing an accordion, a second playing a piano, and the third campaigning, conducted a campaign to raise funds for the student government association at the University of Indiana. According to "The Indiana Daily Student", the campaigners were very successful.

According to "The Indiana Daily Student" of the University of Indiana, the "Dime-a-dozen" Club has started to pay dividends. The club, founded to pay a dime to its members for each dozen Japs killed, has five members. The member responsible for the dividend, a lieutenant in the south Pacific in charge of a band of scouts, hit the jackpot on a recent patrol and won forty cents.

"The Chicago Maroon," University of Chicago student newspaper, has a column called "What Price Sanity." In it university faculty members are described. The following is a sketch of Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the university. "Robert Maynard Hutchins is a tall, good-looking man, who has often been likened to God but looks much more like Bob Hope. Mr. Hutchins has many bright plots and plans, and often gets into trouble putting them into effect. Mr. Hutchins is famous for his aloofness from the student body, but has been known to smile tolerantly at students who carelessly stepped on his foot."

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

Let me describe a typical scene as the week-end approaches and navy men fall in line to get their hair cut. Arranged as many as fifteen deep along the wall, they sit idly by, while the barber's clippers sound off the passing minutes. One man lies prostrate on the floor attempting to get the proverbial forty winks. Another is asleep sitting up right in a chair. A third on his knees lies across another chair. Others thumb idly through worn and often read magazines. The radio announcer drones on describing the Cubs and Cardinal's late game, interrupted occasionally by the static of the electric clippers.

How long have these men waited? The man on the floor couldn't get a seat, but hasn't been there long—only about half an hour. The one asleep in the chair has waited about two hours. The third man in the prayer attitude tries a different position each time the barber chair is vacated—no telling how long he's waited.

The length of wait is anywhere from half an hour to three hours, always too much for that odd period between classes or the evening chow free time. Getting a hair cut has become a major function in the schedule of the average V-12er requiring at least a full afternoon of free time!

As for suggestions of improvement, I confess my ignorance of the organization, but I've often wondered if that second chair was installed only as a more comfortable waiting seat. Couldn't another barber help slow down the accelerated V-12 schedule at IIT?

A Patient Customer.

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What presidential candidate do you favor and why?

DON ALBERT, Junior Mechanical: My choice for our next president is President Roosevelt. He has done more for our country, especially the working class, than any president since Lincoln. Because of his experience he is definitely the man for president. In peace time, a man of lower caliber than Roosevelt, such as Mr. Dewey, may be able to take over the office without too drastic effects, but during war a greater man is needed.



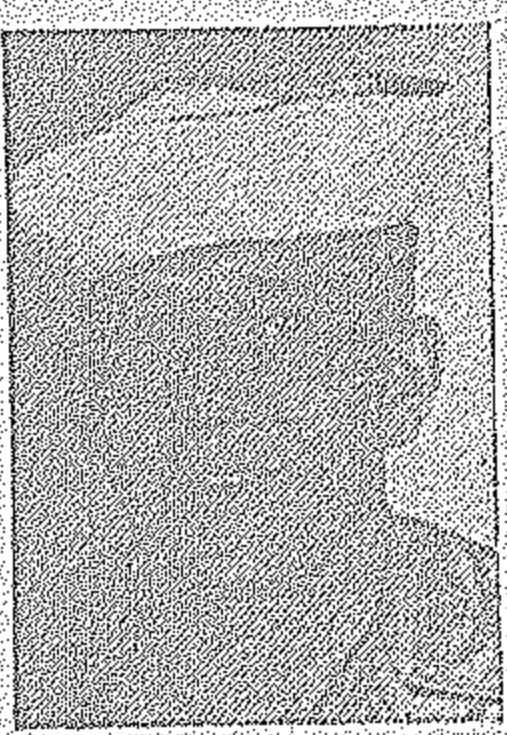
JAMES WABER, Graduate Student: The candidate of a strong liberal party, since the New Deal is dead and what it stood for is dying. The last elements of liberalism in the Democratic Party were scotched with Henry Wallace. The appointment of the "Vichyite" Robert Murphy and of Krug show that Roosevelt is catering to conservative groups. Dewey's policies as exemplified by John Dulles and the platform make him a poor second to FDR.



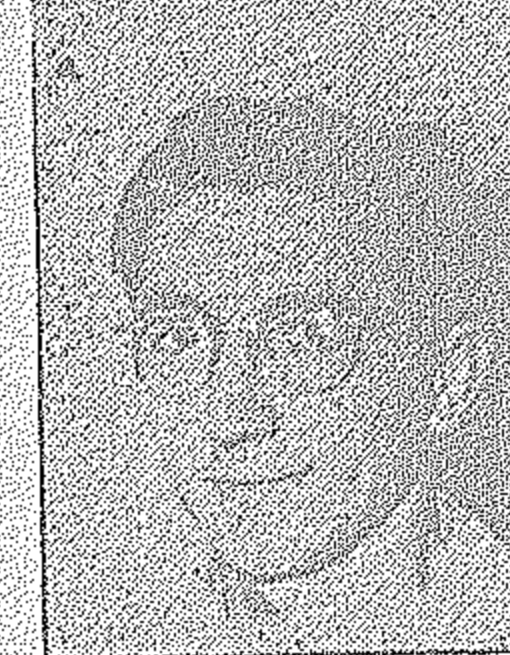
JAMES RANSOM: Junior Electrical: My candidate for President of the United States is Thomas E. Dewey. Mr. Dewey has gained an enviable reputation for honest, fair, economical and progressive government in New York state as District Attorney and as the state governor. As for the present President—Mr. Roosevelt, although progressive, is too extravagant, and has many times been found somewhat unfair in his treatment of political positions and actions.



ROBERT STEWARD, Senior Industrial Engineer: It is my opinion that Tom Dewey is the man for president in this coming election. After having seen what he has done for the great state of New York and after hearing his platform, I really feel that he will take this election with ease and make one of the best presidents that this country has ever had.



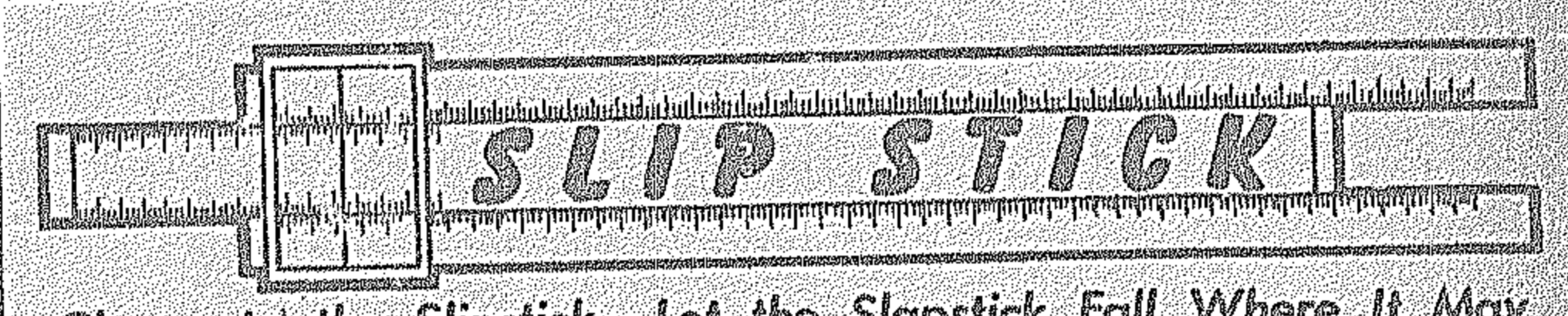
BOB POGOFF, Junior Electrical: Anyone else but Roosevelt for President would be about the closest thing to disaster that I can imagine. FDR is one of the greatest Presidents who ever lived. His record speaks for him. He may have made some mistakes but no man is perfect. The good that he has done for our country is so much that the trivial mistakes the Republicans have so greatly magnified are rather unimportant.



—LEONARD BROWN

Dime's Note

About ten years ago, the student lounge was used as the drafting room for the civil engineering department . . . THAD PERRY, soph. mechanical, lived in Poland from 1935 to 1940, through the German campaign . . . LAWRENCE KRAHE collects streetcar transfers and has one for nearly every line in the city. His next ambition is to get transfers for all the elevated lines. Also he formerly collected and listed the names of Pullman cars which passed by IIT . . . DR. M. A. COUNTRYMAN, professor of physics, has a brother who is both a doctor of medicine and a lawyer . . . PERRY WINSTON has a collection of classical records which take 57 hours to play through . . . A/S NORM HANKINS was a member of Indiana's 1941 All-State High School basketball team . . . ENSIGN EDWARD GLANCY, athletic director for Navy V-12, was a former All-American forward from Manhattan College.



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

Quiet! Quiet! Cut that political argument! Cut that war talk! I must concentrate on this joke I have here; I don't get it. Let me think, will you fellows? I can't even start those rusty cog wheels in my brain with you fellows beating each other on the head with last week's Tech News to stress a vital point. Such is the life of those newspaper men.

—IIT—
One of the good old fashioned riddles:
Luke had it before;
Paul had it behind;
Matthew never had it;
All girls have it once;
Boys cannot have it;
Old Mrs. Mulligan had it twice in succession;
Dr. Lowell had it before and behind, too;
He had it twice as bad behind as before.

What is it? (Anyone with a solution to this quandry will please notify me. I am deeply interested.)

—IIT—
Medics and New Advances:
Jake: Oh, is your arm hurt?
Sal: Yes.
Jake: Let me kiss it. That's what my mother used to do to my hurts.
Long pause —
Sal: I thought you were going to kiss my arm.
John: Science has advanced since her time though.

—IIT—
It's funny how all these Navy men call their girls infinity, because they can approach them, but never get there.
—IIT—
All Out Production:
Customer: My goodness, eggs are high.
Grocer: Sure, part of the war program.
Customer: How is that?
Grocer: All the hens are making shells.
—IIT—
Driver of car: (Unfamiliar with the road) I take the next turn, don't I?
Muffled male voice from the back seat: Like h--- you do.
—IIT—
Two men stepped off a train in a small town. One was in town for good. The other was a sailor.
—IIT—
Police Force:
"Madam, may I see your daughter?"
"No, get out and stay out."
"But madam, see this badge? I'm a detective."
"Oh, I'm sorry—come right in. I thought it was a fraternity pin."
—IIT—
Class conscious:
"What are you wearing that toothbrush for?"
"Oh, that's my class pin. I went to Colgate."
—IIT—
All I can say is that it sure is extraordinary that all fun ends with a period.
—LARRY VYTAUTAS CERNAUSKAS

Illinois Tech Vets

BERNARD KARSH

It used to be Tech Sgt. Bernard Karsh of the U.S. Army Air Forces! now it's just plain Mister.

When Karsh enlisted in October 1939, the Air Force was just a small organization. Although he was primarily a radio operator and gunner, Karsh also aided the pilot in navigating.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor Karsh began flying on submarine patrols in Navy PBVs. On one return flight the pilot forgot to extend his landing gear and the PBV crashed. Although the rest of the crew escaped injury Karsh suffered a broken leg.

On his release from the hospital, Karsh was assigned to the 97th bombing group which was the first American unit to reach England.

When Karsh had completed 24 such patrols, the 8th Air Force was organized and he began flying bombing missions. His first mission was the bombing of the sub-pens at Lorient, France.

After his 7th mission Karsh volunteered for a combat group to take part in the African invasion. The group was composed of Air Corps men who had a knowledge of heavy weapons. This group was to help previously landed paratroopers capture an airfield near Oran. In the three days of battle Karsh was firing a 50 cal. machine gun mounted on a jeep.

As soon as the B-17 bombers landed in the newly won airfield, Karsh started on missions again. He flew the "Daisy Chain" run, which was so called because it was Tunisia, Libya, Sicily, and the Italian boot—day after day.

It was on one of these 11 missions that Karsh caught some flak in his wrist and leg. The wounds were of a minor nature and he kept right on flying.

One night when Karsh was in a foxhole on his Algerian desert air base, the Germans began their usual night bombing run. This time a 500 pounder landed 8 yards from the foxhole and Karsh was wounded in the intestines. When the all clear was sounded he was given plasma at the base hospital and evacuated to the U.S.

Karsh was honorably discharged in September 1943, holding the awards of the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He is now majoring in electrical engineering at IIT and is an active member of the ITV.

—JACOB KRAMER

dis & data

The 50,000th Chicagoan has registered for free war training at Illinois Institute of Technology.

This mark was reached as Chicagoans enrolled in the fall evening war training program at Illinois Tech. Eighty-six free war courses are being given here this fall.

These 50,000 trainees give Illinois Tech the distinction of conducting the nation's largest war training program in a single city and the largest at a privately-operated college. Illinois Tech began war training courses in January, 1941.

More than 41,000 persons have enrolled in the classes since Pearl Harbor. They have gone "back to school" to prepare for war jobs or to improve their war job skills.

—dis & data—

The first war contract termination course in the Chicago area is being inaugurated at Illinois Institute of Technology. It will begin tomorrow and meet two evenings a week for ten weeks.

Teaching the course is Lt. David Fain, attached to the ordnance department. Lt. Fain is a member of the New York bar and an authority on war contracts. He is co-author of "War Procurement—a New Pattern in Contracts."

The war contract termination course is especially designed for contract officers, accountants and those responsible for war contract negotiation and termination.

—dis & data—

Prof. John I. Yellott, director of the Institute of Gas Technology at Illinois Institute of Technology, addressed the general session of the 51st annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Gas Association in Los Angeles last Thursday.

Prof. Yellott was recipient of the Chicago and Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce awards for distinguished service in 1943. He received these awards for his work as director of Illinois Tech's war training program, largest in a single city in the nation.

He was made director of the Gas Institute in September, 1943. Established to provide a central research and educational service for the entire gas industry, the Institute of Gas Technology has expanded its educational, research and library services to an annual budget of almost a quarter of a million dollars.

It has under way a number of research projects for its various member colleges as well as several long-range fundamental research programs for the general benefit of the entire gas industry.