

Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Tau Beta Pi Assembly

The poor attendance at the recent Tau Beta Pi assembly was certainly an insult to the excellent speaker and to the men who were being pledged into the top honorary at Illinois Tech. Usually this is one of the best attended assemblies during the semester.

Collegiate World

An open forum, to which all students and faculty members are invited, called the "Idea Exchange" is in operation at the Central YMCA college. The "Exchange", founded in 1935 by the president of the college, invites various guest speakers for an informal discussion of current day problems. The "Exchange", preceded by an informal tea, has proven very popular in the past and has presented such personages as: Curtiss D. MacDougall, professor of journalism at Northwestern University; Dr. W. W. Bower, associate editor of Hygiene; and George Weaver, director of the national CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination.

From a column, "Five Years Ago" of the Carnegie Tartan, campus paper of the Carnegie Institute of Technology comes this interesting item: "A sorority girl broke her wrist after falling while testing the 'sure safe' Birch Hall fire escape!"

Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, has a perplexing problem; Should Wabash be Co-ed nor not? Questioning of various students and faculty members revealed unusual ideas they entertained about the "fair" sex. One student said, "Gad, nol Women are the root of all evil!"

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

One would think that this term it would be especially well attended inasmuch as there have been so few all school functions of this type.

The assembly was well planned, with an excellent speaker, John Yelot, but only a handful of students showed up. If this general school attitude continues much longer, perhaps it would be best to cancel all future plans for assemblies.

DISCOURAGED

Navy Laundry

It is time that something is done about the existing conditions with the navy laundry. As the situation now exists clothing is lost, damaged, or returned dirty with no one to hold accountable. Take the case of one seaman who got one sock back which was about size nine while the other was at least size 12. In the same batch of laundry was clothing with some one else's stencil on it replacing his own missing laundry.

On more than one occasion, seamen have put on what they thought were celan whites for Saturday inspection only to find large scorch marks upon opening the package.

What can a sailor do when his dress blue jumper is returned partly burned. Gripe, perhaps? Yes, but this does not buy him a new jumper. It isn't as though the laundry is not being paid for its destruction. The navy laundry prices are way out of line compared to other Chicago laundries. It is no wonder that so many seamen have turned to doing their own washing. Something should be done to correct this poor service.

A/S O. D. R.

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What are your opinions of laboratory work and reports at IIT?

KENNETH HOLST, Junior Mechanical: In general you have to spend too much time in writing up reports. Of course, there are some labs in which the instructor tries to cut out side work as much as possible, such as 318, 319, 418, and 419. Then you have the others such



as the physics lab and the materials lab.

DONALD FRISCHE, Sophomore Fire Protect: All my laboratories are 100% OK. In the past I have had only one lab which was not strictly a pleasure. This was the same one that everyone else has trouble with, physics. The chem and FPE labs are really on the ball. The work is really interesting and the reports are not overly difficult. A good prof either makes or breaks the subject, and thus far I have been very lucky in securing all good profs for all my labs.



HOWARD COOPER, Junior Chemical: Of all the laboratory courses I have taken I think the chemical engineering laboratory is conducted best. I agree, as so many others do, that the physics lab was neither pleasurable nor instructive. The method involved in writing a report in physics lab consisted of merely spending countless hours copying theory from a book.



ROBERT NAGATA, Junior Chemical: After "experiencing" the Physics 205 and 205 laboratories one really appreciates the others. My being a chemical may seem as if I am at least a little prejudiced in my opinion. However, I can truthfully and thankfully say that the ChE lab work has really been apportioned with due consideration for the student's time. At this same time we seem to be getting a very complete course.



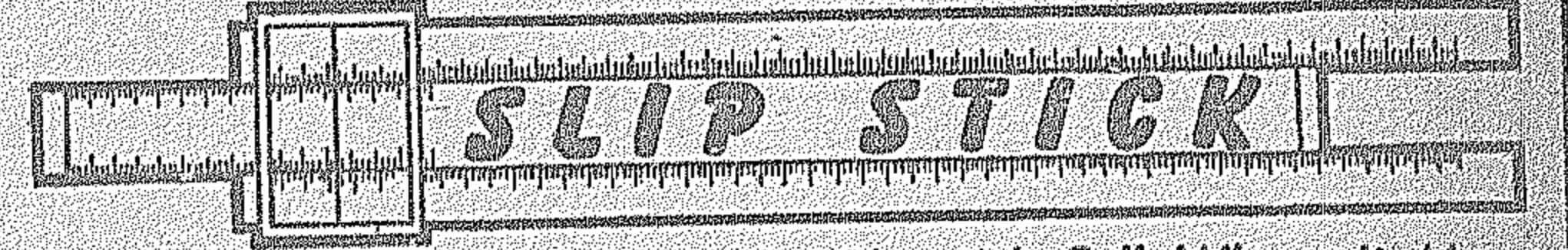
JACK McCARTHY, Senior Mechanical: Of course there always are, and probably always will be exceptions, but on the whole I believe that conditions in the laboratories, and the requirements for writing the subsequent reports, are as good as can be expected. I say as good as can be expected, not just to be congenial, but because I don't see, at least in most cases, how you can learn what you should with less work on the reports.



—LEONARD BROWN

Remain Noted

A/S TRENT KNEPPER and A/S ROBERT HEATH were aboard the trainer USS Wilmot which took Roosevelt on one of his many fishing trips; this one was up in Canada . . . BILL CHRISTENSEN, freshman mechanical, was lieutenant colonel of the ROTC at Hyde Park high school . . . A/S DENNIS O'GEARY, junior mechanical, played football for five years without ever wearing a pair of shoes. These five years were spent in playing on his high school's varsity team . . . ARTHUR GILMER served five years in the navy without ever getting a home leave . . . A/S TOM KILGARIFF has a complete set of intramural medals, including those for baseball, football, basketball and track . . . ALBERT ZADRAVETZ writes all his letters to his parents in Polish . . . In a high school football game A/S RALPH NIESWANDER kicked an 85 yard punt, the longest on record for his conference . . . DR. WALTER HENDRICKS is a friend and a former student of ROBERT FROST, the poet of New England. He will visit Frost between semesters when he will vacation in Vermont.



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

Thought, the essential part of all mankind, shall take a vacation while we look and find—Slipstick.

Observation Car?

The Pulman conductor one night found a red lantern hanging in one of the lower berths, so he looked up George, the porter, and asked:

"Say, George, why is that red lantern hanging on lower six?"

"Well, boss, Rule No. 23 in my rule book says that you should always hang up a red lantern when the rear end of a sleeper is exposed."

—Senior Farewell—

Hospital Note:

If the intern who stole the jar of alcohol out of the operating room will return grandma's appendix, no questions will be asked.

—SENIORS—

Then, of course, there was the girl fiddler who kissed her violin good-night and took her bow to bed with her.

—ENJOY—

Geometrical Analysis:

Girls who take cod liver oil have legs like this !!

Girls who ride horses have legs like this ()

Girls who drink too much have legs like this) (

Girls who are nice have legs like this X

—A LAST—

Mabel: Why do you let all the sailors kiss you?

Myrtle: Well, I once slapped a bosun's mate who was chewing tobacco.

—SPLURGE—

Judicial Philosophy:

The judge was getting disgusted with the number of divorces in town, and had a sign tacked up on the door: "Meditate well, girls, before you make the final decision. Remember alimony is next to worthless on a cold night."

—WITH MERRIMENT—

Slow Navy:

Maisie: You remind me of Nero.

V-12'er: Why?

Maisie: Here I am burning down, and you're just fiddling around.

—AT THE—

Divorce Miscotrsual:

A woman just got a divorce from her husband because of his flat feet. They were in the wrong flat.

—SENIOR FAREWELL—

Back now to some thought on those reports and homework assignments. After all, there are only three weeks left in which to do sixteen weeks work. Forget the love life, fellows. For it is only an accelerated fancy whose second derivative should be only partially integrated.

—LARRY VYTAUTAS CERNAUSKAS

Illinois Tech Vets

ARTHUR GILMER

After serving five years in the U.S. Navy, Arthur Gilmer is a civilian once more.

As soon as Arthur finished his basic training in 1938 he was sent to San Diego and assigned to the USS New Orleans.

After two years of maneuvers aboard the cruiser, Arthur was transferred to a newly commissioned sub tender, the USS Fulton.

The sub tender then received orders to proceed on a secret mission. The mission was to build an air base on a dense jungle island in the South Pacific.

When the air base was the U.S. Navy was engaged battle of Midway. The sub was there and brought the survivors of the Yorktown, a U.S. carrier that was sunk, into Pearl Harbor.

It was then that Arthur was assigned to a submarine.

After sinking a Jap warship off Bougainville the sub crash dived in uncharted waters and struck a reef. The sounding gear was smashed and the ship began to leak. When the Japs finished depth charging them, the sub rose shaken and damaged.

On their next patrol, which was around Bougainville and the New Georgia Island, the sub struck into Truk. There were so many Jap ships in the harbor that the sub was almost rammed by destroyers.

Next the sub went to Munda, where the crew watched the Japs build a pier. The second night at Munda Arthur suffered his heaviest depth charging. The sub was sighted and depth charged for two hours. When the sub was returning to Pearl Harbor after its successful forages an enemy shipping a four-motored Jap bomber attacked. They crash dived so fast that the bow wings stuck.

Due to the lack of oxygen aboard the sub, Arthur became ill. When the sub reached Pearl Harbor, after this narrow escape, Arthur was confined to the hospital and then was evacuated to the United States.

Arthur was honorably discharged in July, 1943. Holding the award of a Presidential Citation for submarine patrol, Arthur enrolled as a chemical engineer at IIT. He is also an active member of the ITV.

—JACOB KRAMER

dis & data

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, director of the school of architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology since 1938, is world famous as a founder of the new modern architecture.

Mies van der Rohe, who comes from an old family of stone masons, was born in 1886 in Aix-la-Chapelle. He was educated at the Gewebeschool and the Kunstgewerbe Museum in Berlin.

In Berlin he associated himself with Peter Behrens, whose pioneer work gave impetus to the growth of contemporary architecture. Mies van der Rohe represented Behrens in Leningrad in supervising the construction of the German embassy there.

During a stay in Holland, Mies van der Rohe designed the residence museum in which Mrs. Koeller-Mueller of the Hague housed her famous Van Gogh collection.

Because of Mies van der Rohe's architectural work, the German Workbund persuaded him to design the Weissenhof Siedlung, Stuttgart. He invited well-known architects such as Bourgeois, Le Corbusier, Gropius, Hilberseimer, Oud, and Mart Stem to help him in this project.

In 1929 the German government retained him as architect for the German exhibition at the world's fair in Barcelona.

In 1930 Mies van der Rohe assumed the directorship of the Bauhaus, an architectural school, in Dessau. In 1932 he moved with the school to Berlin where he stayed until the school was closed in 1933.

Shortly afterwards he came to the United States, not knowing how long he would stay. In 1938 a committee of prominent Chicago architects headed by John Hollbard, and Henry T. Heald, president of Illinois Institute of Technology, persuaded him to stay and make over the direction of Illinois Tech's architectural school.

Now, besides teaching, Mies van der Rohe has designed a whole new south campus for Illinois Tech, to be erected at the close of the war. The metals and minerals research building, the first building of this project, was dedicated in January 1943.

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For many years Dr. Vasilii Komarevsky has been concerned with the problem of catalysts. After coming to IIT in 1936; he organized the catalytic laboratory for the purpose of studying further this very complex problem. His research on synthetic rubber and high octane gasoline has been concerned with this subject.

Komarevsky was born in Moscow, and entered the University of Moscow in 1913. However, the advent of the first World War cut short his studies, and he became an officer in the air force of the Russian Navy.

In 1920, he went back to the University of Moscow, completing his studies in 1925. The subject of his thesis for Ph.D. was a co-precipitation-aluminum catalyst. This has since been used for many reactions, one of the most timely being the production of toluene (used for TNT) from petroleum.

From 1925 to 1928, Professor Komarevsky did research at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, as a fellow of the Soviet Union.