

Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Student-Secretary Social

It has been expressed to me by one of the Illinois Tech secretaries that there should be some place or event where the "white collar" girls of Tech could meet the male students on an acceptable social basis.

As things exist now the girls and fellows have only business associations or cafeteria contacts. The latter leave a lot to be desired from the young lady's viewpoint.

It is rather peculiar that no dance or social event has ever been arranged for the two groups seeing that they are in such close assoc-

iation. Usually a company or institute plans such a get acquainted social but never have I heard of anything suggested of that nature at Illinois Tech.

It is of importance that this idea originated with a secretary and not one of the fellows about school. It shows that things can be developed along this line because I know of several fellows that wouldn't mind one small bit if they got to know the secretaries a wee bit better.

It has often been said that the various employers about the Institute frown upon too close an association between student and secretary. However, I feel no employer would frown upon a neat social event properly planned and executed.

This is my thought on a subject I hope to see further action taken on.

IIT Student

Diet Data Dan

A big hand for the new cafeteria manager, whose name I don't even know. But I do know that we're now getting the best food we've had in two or three terms (and I bet the man who's now running the cafeteria is not a "dietician"), and the new hours are better for us.

It seems to me *Technology News* has done this new manager wrong in not running a story about him. The paper has raised so much cain about the lunchroom, why not give a break and a little publicity to this new fellow who's doing a swell job.

However, it does seem to me that *Technology News* still has something to gripe about if it will take the energy to make a study and prove a case. I still don't believe that the students are offered ALL the same food as is available in the faculty club (as we were once told we were). Why doesn't some energetic reporter get a copy of the faculty dining room menu each day for a week and compare it with what's offered us on the cafeteria line?

The results might be interesting. However, this situation is not one to be too worried about. The food we're getting is okay, and the results of a new manager for the cafeteria have indeed been interesting and BENEFICIAL. I'm really happy about the whole thing.

Diet Data Dan

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Barber Poll

By ROY PATRICK
IIT's Official Barber

Well, here's a little bit of criticism and a little bit of advice from your old IIT Philosopher.

After several discussions that have occurred in the Tonsorial Parlor, I have come to the conclusion that some of our V-12 Apprentice Seamen need a bit of enlightening as to what this V-12 program means to them. I'm aware of the fact that a lot of the boys will not agree with my statements in this column.

—CAL. 2814—

We cannot import any co-eds on this campus due to the fact that each and every one of you came to IIT with the understanding that you were to become a mechanical, chemistry or electrical engineer and not a co-ed waver.

When the government established this program they meant for you to fulfill your obligations to them as they have fulfilled their's to you. Education is the grandest thing that our government has given to you. Now I hope that you will show your appreciation to the Nation as a whole by being worthy of the branches of the V-12.

—CAL. 2814—

You have no complaint to make whatsoever. I have spoken to an apprentice seaman who has come in contact with the parents of one of the boys that has been overseas in this world of conflict. Point blank, he asked the mother if the boy had ever complained about anything while in the service. The mother very plainly replied that her son had no complaint to make.

Therefore, my advice to each of you is—"Tighten up your belts" and here's hoping that your grades for the coming semester will be a credit to your officers, school and parents.

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The wire recorder, invented by Marvin Camras, a 1940 graduate of Illinois Tech, and developed by the Armour Research Foundation, is certainly making history.

This past week it was used to record the Democratic convention and previous to this the Republican conclave. It has also recorded the invasion of France, the landings at Bougainville, and the action at Saipan.

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Did you know that:

Lewis Institute (now IIT's west campus) offered the first junior college in the nation and the first evening school courses in the Midwest?

John J. Schommer rates as one of America's all-time athletic greats being: All-time, all-American basketball center; all-western (now Big Ten) and all-American mention end in football; Olympic selection in track; and leading Western batter in baseball?

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A total of 3922 persons are now studying at Illinois Tech (and who was it said the enrollment was down?).

Regular college enrollment totals 1751. This includes 692 Navy V-12 men and 598 civilians in day classes. Four hundred and sixty-one are attending evening college classes. Majority of the persons now studying at the Institute, 2171, are taking the non-credit ESMWT courses.

IIT Inquiring reporter

By LEONARD BROWN
QUESTION

What are your pet peeves?

Do the eccentricities of your fellow men bother you? Are you one of the many millions who don't love everybody and everything. If so you may take delight in reading what other people may find annoying in you.

A/S JIM HOLLAND, sophomore

mechanical: my pet peeve is a slow piece of music from a band accompanied by a syrupy singer (the bobby socks fans know who I mean). Girls who don't dance close is another one of mine. About the worst I have is

onions. I do not like onions from the ground up. Especially when they are in someone elses' mouth.

A/S DON GIPPLE, Sophomore

chemical: These fools who throw chewing gum around where I am most apt to walk really get my goat. Fellows who don't relieve you on your watch when they are supposed to are also on my black list. It makes me angry when I pay good money for a warm coke and after just washing my whites I am forced to sit on a seat that has not been dusted for a week.

RICHARD HERST, Senior mechanical:

I hate people who take their children to the movies when they are too young to know what a movie is all about. The kids keep making irritating noises and jump up and down in their seats until I am

about to crown them. They then decide to dash out for three or four drinks of water. In about four minutes they are back and the process is repeated.

CHARLES DOWD, Sophomore

chemical: Girls who aren't innocent but try their hardest to make people believe they are top my peeve list. Another is a girl with possibilities who refuses to develop them. Another irritating one is a professor who has you in his class for six months and refuses to know your name when he calls upon you in class.

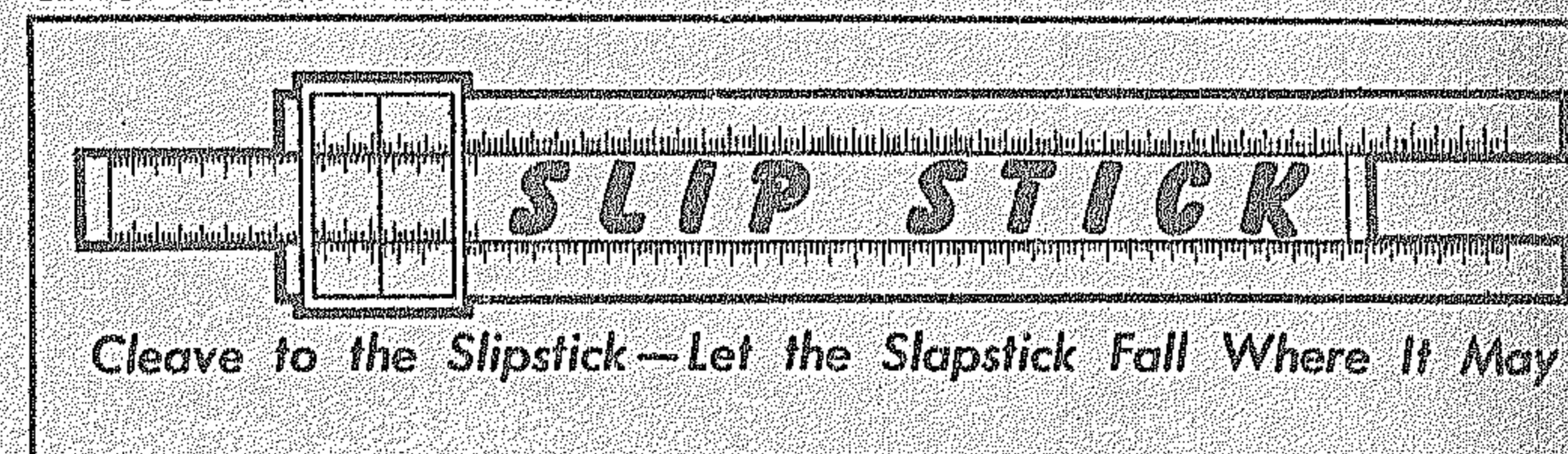
ARNOLD ROSNER, Junior chemical:

My pet peeve is the Steam Shovel. In the past few semesters they have needlessly embarrassed quite a few fellows and girls. The usual excuse given is that it was too late and they had nothing else to

write in the column. With a dumb supersillious smile they wiggle out of the conversation and for weeks you have to go around explaining.

Dame's Notes

DALE HARRISON of the Chicago Sun recently printed several items in his column, All About The Town, which were taken from this column. The snatches he reprinted dealt with some of the unusual advocations of several members of the IIT faculty. BERNARD "SONNY" WEISMAN was once a member of the Alcohol Tax Unit, with the title of Government Enforcement Agent. During a period of three years SONNY had record of 5 convictions out of 57 indictments. SONNY handled anything from bootlegging to smuggling. ROBERT LOOMIS, sophomore fire protect, plays the saxophone with a professional band that has played on the radio for the Treasury Department several times. From teamster to sailor to IIT is the story of A/S CARL CHILD, sophomore mechanical, who drove a truck in the West before he begun his engineering studies in the Navy. A/S GEORGE CUMMINS felt at home at George Williams College for not only are his initials G.W.C. but his first two names are GEORGE WILLIAM.



Here we go again on a super dull life, with no chance of divulging those names of the people who participated in special jokes, and what is worse no philosophical musings in Lithuanian. "We won't stand for that," so says the chief. Now here I am, broken-hearted. Oh, me.

—IIT—

An absent-minded bride anxious not to forget to order two chickens for dinner, repeated to herself while clearing away the breakfast things: "Grocer . . . Chickens . . . Grocer . . . Chickens."

The words became confused in her mind, so that when she went to the telephone she asked: "Have you any nice grocers?"

"Why . . . why . . . yes," replied an astonished voice at the other end of the wire.

"Well," said the bride, "send me two dressed."

"Dressed?" said the voice more astonished than before.

"Why, no, you better not," answered the bride. "I believe you may send them undressed. If my husband comes home early he will wring their necks and the cook can dress them."

—IIT—

Electrical Note:

On a train one day, Little Suzy heard a passenger say to the conductor as the trainman punched his ticket. "Good morning, Mr. Glass." But little Suzy just laughed and laughed. She knew that couldn't be his name, because glass is not a conductor.

—IIT—

Conductor: Can't you see the sign says "No smoking"?

Wise V-12'er: Sure, mate, that's plain enough. But there's another dizzy sign that says "Wear Daisy Mae Girdles," so I ain't paying attention to any of them.

—IIT—

Sally Jane La Schmutz: Is he a good provider?

Mable Malone: He just couldn't be anything else but. He's going to get furniture, providing he gets the money. He's going to get the money providing he goes to work. He's going to work, providing the job suits him. Such a better providing person you couldn't want.

—IIT—

FINISHED

I'm done with all dames. They cheat and they lie; They prey on us males To the day that we die; They tease and torment us And drive us to sin— Say! Look at the blonde That just came in!

—IIT—

Sailor (New arrival in the Solomons): Gee, I thought I'd see some monkeys around here.

Marine: They're in the jungle making love.

Sailor: I wonder if they'd come

out for peanuts.

Marine: Of course not, would you?

—IIT—

It happened in a crowded bus one Saturday night; in one of the seats there sat a young man

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V-12 VETS

A/S JOSEPH HARDMAN

Tarawa, Attu, Kiska, and the Coral Sea may be just names to most people but to A/S Joseph Hardman they were actual experiences.

Although enlisted in the reserve the life of a fighting sailor was far from Joe's mind when he entered pre-law school at San Mateo Junior College in California in the summer of 1939. The war gods had other plans for Joe, however, in the fall of the same year; when the war broke out in Europe he was ordered to active duty. Four months later Joe, with the badge of a radio man 3/c sewed on his jumper, sailed for Honolulu.

While stationed in Hawaii Joe was a member of the battle ship division swimming team. In nearly two years of competition he, besides breaking the fleet breast stroke record, was never defeated. The meet in which Joe would have had his chance to be crowned fleet champ was scheduled for December 10, 1941 but again the war lords stepped in to Joe's life.

After engaging in salvage work following the Japanese sneak raid Joe sailed back to the States. During the short time his ship was in port he added another laurel to his swimming accomplishments by breaking a pool record in a meet between the Seattle Y and the University of Washington.

When Joe shipped out again battle helmets became part of the uniform of the day. The Coral Sea battle, Attu, Kiska, and Tarawa soon became unforgettable memories to be placed along side of Pearl Harbor in Joe's already experience laden mind.

After being accepted for V-12 training in the latter part of last year Joe was sent back to the States arriving just in time to spend his first Christmas at home in over five years.

A/S BOB FREUND