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Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Rho Epsilon Replies

Three weeks ago there appeared in this column a letter by an uninformed nincompoop, afraid to sign his ignorant prattlings, making Rho Epsilon over the coals for the lack of lunchroom music. In order that the intelligent people on our campus will not be deceived by this criticism, I believe the true facts should be aired.

Last semester Rho Epsilon had several notices in *Technology News* asking for comments on the lunchroom music. Was the music being enjoyed? Or was it looked on as merely so much more noise in addition to the existing din? Well, the response was discouraging, as not one letter or other expression of appreciation was received.

Therefore, when the equipment was discovered to be in need of repair, it was removed, and the music was discontinued with the intention of renewing the service if the student body desired. Time went by, and no one requested resumption of the music, and it was accordingly discontinued permanently.

So, you who wrote that letter, I would suggest that next time you are tempted to show your asininity by writing anonymous, ignorant letters to the editor, you first gain a knowledge of the facts.

And, to the intelligent people on the campus, I would like to say that if you want music with your lunch, how about sending Rho Epsilon a letter telling us your desire. If the response is indicative of a general appreciation of the lunchroom music, we will attempt to renew the music.

Elston Swanson
Member of Rho Epsilon

Library Troubles

Another bad situation which seems to deem editorial exposition is that prevailing in the school library. The librarian, Miss Nell Steele, tries hard and does the best she can, but this cannot be much as she has to direct both the Armour and Lewis libraries. My complaints are: 1. The card catalog is in such a poor condition that it is often impossible to find where a subject is, even though the library has plenty

of material on the subject—but it's lost somewhere. This, I think, is due to the fact that the cataloger has to spend most of her time checking books in and out. 2. Many books which are of the nature that it takes a few months to read them, are on the reserve list, even though there is no excessive demand for them. This particularly discourages the student who wants to do reading outside of his class work, but is told to wait until 4:30 p.m. to take a book out and to bring it back at 11 a.m. 3. Many books are classified in a seemingly illogical manner, i.e. by consideration of which department orders the books. 4. The tables and chairs are almost always dusty and grimy, the light over most tables is poor, and on warmer days, it is impossible to use the stacks as it gets terribly hot and stuffy in that section.

I recommend that the library greatly increase its staff, in particular, to contain a technically and scientifically trained man. Also, there is no reason why fluorescent lights could not be put in and better ventilation installed.

Harley Flanders

Paul Revere Needed

Seeing as how time waits for no man, something should be done about the time situation here at Armour. IIT students, and especially V-12 men, are required to maintain a strict time schedule, and much depends upon whether they get to class on time, catch the PT bus, and many other such "timely" feats. Due to the fact that every clock is out of phase with all other clocks here, one must be able to pull a Paul Revere act to meet his schedule. Perhaps it would be too much to ask if this sad situation could be remedied?

W. E. S.

dis & data

Taking the college classroom right to the plants of war industries, Illinois Institute of Technology has traveled well past the four-thousand mark in its "in plant" war training program—a unique plan of cooperation between education and industry.

Although such courses were the exception rather than the rule in the first three years of Illinois Tech's war training activities (1941 to 1943), "in plant" training has virtually captured the entire spotlight of the college's ESMWT program during 1944.

This change in emphasis resulted from decreasing enrollments in campus ESMWT classes, enrollments having dropped as the number of persons seeking war jobs dwindled and as the war took a favorable turn. Realizing that the needs of Chicago's war industries were just as great as ever, Illinois Tech organized an extensive "in plant" training program.

A total of 4639 men and women in 83 different war plants have been enrolled thusfar in the program, in which 75 different subjects have been covered. Most popular is "industrial management for foremen," 159 of the 6 "in plant" classes to date having been in this field.

—dis & data—

Did you know . . .

That A/S Edward Kralovec, sophomore electrical engineer, is grandson of the late Charles J. Vopicka, United States ambassador to the Balkans during the first World War?

That Mrs. Jean Shellito, the 1089th—and last—woman to graduate from Illinois Tech's full-time women's war training program which closed on Wednesday, is the sister-in-law of Ruth Shellito, secretary to the college day committee?

—dis & data—

Once there were parlor sofas and kitchen tables; now, an electron microscope, an "atom smasher," a Hilger spectroscopy. Once housewives' prize recipes were being tried; now, complex scientific formulas are tested.

This is the peculiar circumstance surrounding Illinois Tech's Physics Building. For although physics majors may seldom realize it, the scene of their laboratory and classroom work is what was formerly a four-story apartment building—the "Armour Flats."

Built more than 50 years ago by Philip D. Armour, founder of Armour Institute (now IIT's college of engineering), as a method of endowment for a new college, the building has gradually been converted into its present

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What qualities do you look for most in women?

RAYMOND F. NOVY, Junior Mechanical: The qualities I like most in a girl are personality, average intelligence, a lover (of finer music — jitterbugs "verbotten"). Naturally she must have the usual feminine charms with preference toward redheads, but then, who hasn't. She must be companionable and mildly interested in the mechanical engineering profession.

SHERMAN L. WEITZMON, Freshman Chemical: The qualities I look for in a girl are many. She must be cute, have a marvelous personality, a luscious chassis and an unusual (four words censored). By cute, I meant she must be easy on the eyes. As for personality, she should be sharp and quick witted. A luscious chassis may be defined as very curvaceous. (Four words censored) may be explained with the statements, "early to bed and late to rise."

A/S A. J. SPOONER, Junior Mechanical: I usually remain non-committal on this subject but now that the question is put directly, I'll attempt an answer. Friendliness and companionableness combined to make a pleasing personality are very necessary. A girl who is a good all

around sport, and a lover of nature also takes my eye. She should be sensible to some degree, but willing to have a good time on occasions. Then of course, as all men know, an eye-catching figure really helps the situation immensely.

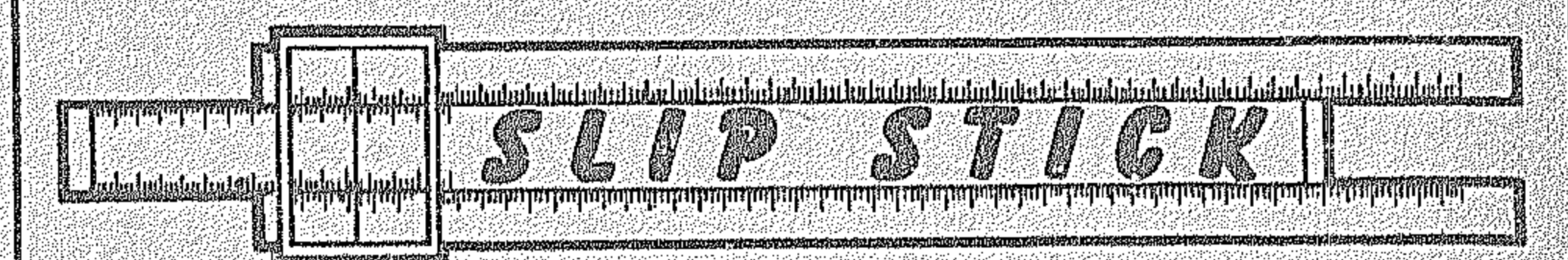
THADDEUS J. GRABACKI, Senior Mechanical: The qualities desired of a woman depend largely on the type of companionship which is sought for, and the length of its duration. Delving into the long term of friendship, a girl should be of fair intelligence and nice personality. She should also be of average build with a good taste for clothes. If she had dark hair and brown eyes, it would be ideal.

LEONARD H. JATCZAK, Junior Mechanical: First, I like girls to be sweet and mellow, that is, a good friend, companion and associate. They should be reasonably intelligent and sympathetic to the "cause" — engineering. I want a friendly female that's a lot of fun. She should be able to talk, dance and intermission. As for dimensions, I prefer a girl slender, tender and tall.

—LEONARD BROWN

Don's Notes

A/S TRENT KNEPPER sang over the radio on a "Navy Happy Hour" while at Great Lakes Naval Training School. . . DR. BENJAMIN FREUD, head of the chemistry department, is a colonel in the United States Army on inactive duty. He will remain in the inactive status unless he is called to the colors. . . EMMET BOSSING was born in La Paz, Bolivia, the highest capital in the world, being 12,120 feet above sea level. . . In spite of the fact that rationing has put an end to SHIRLEY SEXSON's hobby of collecting shoes, she still claims ownership to 18 pair. . . ARTHUR KROCK, a graduate of Lewis, recently contributed two consecutive articles to the Saturday Evening Post. KROCK is head of the Washington Bureau of the New York Times. . . The sophomore Soph-istics have four discharged servicemen playing ball for them. They are BILL LUDWIG, HENRY PYPE and DON TRACY of the air corps and LENARD DONASKI of the engineers.



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

Any more suffering from poor jokes, ha, ha, ha, will be removed, ha, ha, as I shall attempt with the next issue to make it something like the Wake, ha, ha, ha. This will then turn into your column, ha, ha, ha. Your acceptance will be seen by contributions, ha, ha, ha. Now off with the trash?

They tell the one about the A/S who was downtown the other day. He saw a sign in a store window which read: "Before you buy pants, come in and look at ours." He went inside, but being unable to find a male clerk, he blushing left and bought GI's at the Base.

—IIT—

"See that Girl? That's my girl."

"Uh-huh. Good looking fur coat she's wearing."

"Yeah, I gave her that."

"Pretty hat, too."

"Yeah, I gave her that."

"Boy, what a sparkler she's wearing."

"Yeah, I gave her that."

"And say, that's a cute little boy she has with her."

"That's her brother."

—IIT—

The snow was falling softly. There was a definite wintertime scene being set. Poetically, an A/S spoke as he tucked his girl into the car, "Winter draws on."

"Is that any of your business?" retorted the girl friend.

—IIT—

HONOR SYSTEM NOTE

IIT Prof: "This examination will be conducted on the honor system. Please take seats three apart and in alternate rows."

—IIT—

Lookout over the phone to the J.O. O.D.: "Sail dead ahead, sir."

J.O.O.D. (fresh from the Academy) to the O.D.: "Sailor dead in the head, sir."

—IIT—

News flash: 3,181 people died of gas last year. Thirty-one inhaled it, 51 lighted it by touching a match to it, 3100 stepped on it.

—IIT—

Professor (to class): "There's a young man making a jackass of himself. When he is finished, I'll start."

—IIT—

LOVERS TAKE NOTE

Love is like an onion.

You taste it with delight,

And when it's gone you wonder

Whatever made you bite.

—IIT—

Chaplain: "Are you troubled with improper thoughts?"

WAC: "No-n-o-o, I kind of enjoy them."

—IIT—

It's with peroxide, blondes are made.

Brunettes are made with dye,

But lots of guys made either shade

With rum or gin or rye! (New dye)

—LARRY VYTAUTAS CERNAUSKAS

V-12 VETS

A/S DONALD NORTON

A/S Donald L. Norton shipped aboard in April, 1943, and received his "boot" training at the San Diego Naval Training Station. Upon his completion of "boots," Don went through pre-radio and primary radio technical schools in Chicago.

Don was cut four days short of receiving his rate and was sent to G. W. in November. In March he was then transferred to the Armour campus where he now resides in Quarters #3. He is now a member in good standing of the "jolly chiefs" society operating on those premises.

Don hails from beautiful Los Angeles where he attended Garfield High School. His first interest was established in engineering while he was working in a Continental Can Company factory following graduation from high school.

After he first realized his ambition in life, he immediately enrolled in the Aeronautical Engineering Branch of Los Angeles City College. He spent a year there, laying the background for his further education at IIT, although he didn't know it then.

When Don answered the call to the colors he decided to enter radio tech training. A brief summary of this training might be interesting due to the imminent cut in the V-12 program at Tech.

The first three months of primary training reviews high school math. The final and fourth month undertakes instruction of college math, up to trig, and a slight amount of radio training. Upon completion of the primary course one is awarded a radio tech 3/c rating.

From primary one is sent to an advanced school where much lab work is done on radios, engines, electricity, and some navigation. By maintaining an average above 90 per cent, one can earn a 1/c rate. This training lasts four months, and after its completion one is sent to sea.

Norton appreciates the fine opportunity offered to him by being allowed to attend school here, but wishes IIT were a little closer to California. Don is now in his fifth semester and hopes to be able to graduate while still in the Navy.

A/S CHARLES M. SMITH.