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Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Dear Old Physics Lab

A few weeks ago there appeared in the As I See It column of Tech News, a story about teachers of this school.

May we, the undersigned, thank Herman Nelson for writing those facts published and ask especially that Mr. F. R. of the Physics Lab classes read it and take a few hints.

Collegiate World

Alabama Polytechnic Institute is really going all out in the war effort. According to their college paper, "The Plainsman," there will be no real flowers at any fraternity dance except those presented to the girl leading the dance.

President Henry T. Heald take note. At Stevens College in Columbia, Missouri, a custom known as "Stop Day" prevails. On this day, early in the morning, the president of the College calls up the various dormitories and departments to inform them that there will be no classes that day!

From "The Plainsman," college paper of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, one learns that a former student of API who had never worn shoes until he was 21 years old, completed a 200 mile patrol in New Britain. He claimed he could do anything with his bare feet that a normal person could do with his shoes. When he got back to camp, he kicked a football 75 yards on the fly to prove it.

The Carnegie Tartan, newspaper of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, conducted a pool to determine the typical co-ed's idea of the ideal. The answer: he must be tall, dark, good looking, wealthy, able to hold liquor, have cave man instincts, and be "sexy."

The "eager beavers" at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's V-5 unit are really going strong. One of the strangest "beavers" is the fellow who jumped out of bed for morning calisthenics so vigorously that he sprained his ankle.

—A/S ALAN KUKRAL

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What makes Chicago interesting to you?

WALTER GRENGG, Junior Chemical: Life in a large city is never dull, especially in Chicago. In addition to the usual interesting attributes of big towns, a plentiful supply of women, Chicago has a combination of things of lesser interest which makes it unique among the cities



I've visited. These items of comparatively minor importance are the cultural centers: the Art Institute, Field Museum, the several universities, theaters, concert halls, magnificent libraries...night clubs, dances and shows, and the ample opportunity for sports.

EDWARD SCHASCHL, Junior Chemical: The vast amount of things to be seen around the city make Chicago interesting to me. The historical sites and articles furnished by a city growing to the size of Chicago are in themselves enough to keep one going a long time. Then, coming out of the past, the modern facilities and advancements of a large industrial city continue indefinitely in adding interest.



KAZ HORITA, Junior Chemical: I lived in a small town in Washington all my life till I came to IIT so you can imagine how thrilled I was when I first set foot in Chicago. The dream of seeing major league baseball games, big name bands, stage plays, museums, and the bright



lights of Chicago has become a reality now. I believe one could never run out of interesting things in Chicago when I hear of the many things I've been missing.

A/S DON E. HELBING, Sophomore Chemical: Many things in Chicago appeal to me. Among them are home and the service centers. The outdoor service center at Fullerton and the lake can't be beat. It doesn't matter much what a fellow wants to do; Chicago gives him the opportunity. One of the latter angles is free sailing for servicemen in the 13th Street lagoon.

A/S JOHN LIGHT, Junior Electrical: Money, girls and liberty.

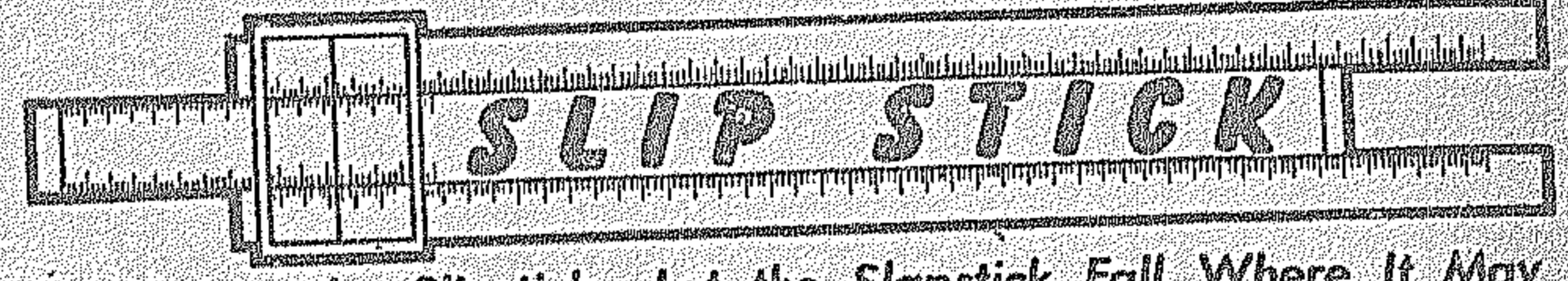


These things I find make Chicago one of the most interesting cities in the country. The localities I prefer are North End around 63rd Street, 33rd and Wells, and the CMCS. Our local neighbors also keep us amused by running cars into each other, burning down their abodes, and keeping in a perpetual state of intoxication.

—LEONARD BROWN

Names Notes

Lt. W. A. HAMILTON, commanding officer of the V-12 unit of IIT, was a high school principal in Florida before embarking on his career in the navy... ROBERT MISCH has mastered the Russian language to a degree which makes him capable of reading proofs of a new Russian text book... FERDINAND BANKS, freshman civil, can be classed among the child prodigies. He graduated high school at the age of 15... SHIRLEY EVEN-STEIN had a scholarship for both piano and ballet at the age of six... Every one of the original Cicco Wizards, a freshman intramural championship team in several sports, are now in the armed services... Before his entrance into the navy A/S GEORGE MARTINKO was a "ham" radio station operator... JOHN GILL, freshman, has a phonograph record collection of more than 1500 records.



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

After a delightfully soothing and joyous dance last Saturday night, let's get back to a gay Slipstick that will renew the gayety.

There was the story of the drunk who came home to his wife in a very sad state every night which was very interesting (not

necessarily this writer's viewpoint). It seems that every night that he came home in this condition he was very heavily beat up; that is, it stormed pots and pans. Having some psychology in mind, the wife decided that this time she would attempt to be sweet and gentle as the beatings did no good. This special night he came home in such a state that it was worse than ever. The wife following her new inclination sat him down in the easy chair and brought him his slippers and his pipe to add to his ease. After sitting on his lap a while she suggested that he go to bed so that it would be easier for him in the morning. To this he said, "Yeah, I may just as well, as I will get beat up by my wife when I get home tonight."

—IIT—

Heard on a golf course:

There I go again into the garboon!

—IIT—

I asked her if she wasn't doing anything that evening, and she said she wasn't, so I took her out, and sure enough—she wasn't!

—IIT—

Maltida: I heard you were out golfing with Sam. How does he use the woods?

Almeda: I wouldn't know; we played golf all the time.

—IIT—

Sgt.: I'm not feeling myself tonight.

Sue: You're telling me.

—IIT—

Golf conversation:

Honey, you're a cruel creature, beating a poor little ball like that with that heavy stick all over, into the woods and water. What a game. What a game.

—IIT—

Writer's note:

The real reason that Veronica Lake changed her hair style (and this is from the best of sources) is that she was out with a sailor one night and decided that she needed both eyes.

—IIT—

Pretty girl wanting to tee off on the first hole of a golf course: "Would you like to play around with me, sir?"

—IIT—

I hope you have not minded all the jokes about golfers, but being at the Tam O'Shanter tournament, one obtains a new viewpoint on things. Funny people, these golfers. Now off to hit those exams.

—LARRY VY... CERNAUSKUS

V-12 VETS

A/S WHITNEY L. PEARSON
A/S Whitney L. Pearson of Quarters #4 shipped aboard on May 16, 1942. He took "boot" at Great Lakes, Ill. upon completion of which he was assigned Hospital Apprentice.

Pearson then proceeded to an interesting vocation denied men in the navy, namely male nurse. Because of this Pearson was denied his "boot" leave, which was somewhat of a disappointment.

After working in the hospital for several months, Pearson was transferred to the main medical lab at the Lakes. On November 1, 1943, he shipped out to the coast where he stopped over at the receiving station on Treasure Island.

After a few brief days in sunny California he shipped to Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1942, exactly one year after the Jap attack.

He was assigned to lab work in the main hospital at Pearl Harbor and was later transferred to a new dispensary where he was placed in charge of a small lab. It was at Pearl Harbor that he was first made a rated man, receiving his Pharmacist Mate 3/c and then later his PM 2/c.

Liberty was one out of every four days. When Whit says days, he means when the sun was shining because Pearl Harbor was governed by martial law and there was a 10 o'clock curfew on the town. All military and naval personnel had to have a special pass to be out after 6:30 p.m.

Whit entered several A.A.U. swimming meets where he copped numerous ribbons. He also entered several all-servicemen meets where his relay team won second place and he won the 50 meter backstroke.

In December, 1943, Whit put in an application for V-12. He would have been up for 1/c Pharmacist Mate in March but he realized the opportunity in V-12 and decided that it was more important.

His orders returning him to the States sent Whit scurrying across the Pacific on January 29th. Upon his arrival in San Francisco he received delayed orders which he received 16 days, his first in the so he proceeded to get rid of \$

Whit reported to IIT on February 28, 1943. He is now a junior chemical. Whitney says that the opportunities offered in V-12 are unlimited and considers himself very fortunate to be able to take advantage of them.

—A/S CHARLES SMITH

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Having recorded battle sounds at Normandy, Bougainville, Saipan and other world battlefronts, the Armour Research Foundation's wire recorder this week is finding a unique new use on the home front — recording farm radio programs.

The wire recorder is being used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in a two-week series of farm program recordings for spot broadcasting over local stations — and for subsequent rebroadcasting on the Blue Network's Farm and Home Hour.

A "natural" for such broadcasting, the wire recorder can be taken directly to farms and farm experimental stations for on-the-spot recordings. In this way, farm experts, farmers and their wives, 4-H club members and others can broadcast their latest farm news, developments and experiments without traveling to broadcasting studios.

So, having already traveled to most of the world's major battlefronts, the wire recorder is now exploring the home front. The farm recordings are being made in Cincinnati, Minneapolis, New York City, Lafayette, Ind., and Lincoln, Neb.

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Did you know...

That it was a former English instructor at IIT, Cpl. Allen Walker Read, who this year contracted Winston Churchill's advocacy of Basic English—and was reported by Time Magazine to have "defended the King's English against the King's Prime Minister"?

And that Cpl. Read's first task upon leaving IIT to enter the army was compiling a military dictionary under the sponsorship of the U. S. Military Intelligence Service?

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Literally a parade of talent can be found in Illinois Tech's group of 110 women signal corps trainees. Although now studying to be inspection supervisors at signal corps depots, these women represent every field from music to dietetics and from drama to homemaking. For instance:

Princess King is a former character actress, having been on the stage since she was six years old. Myrtle Bernstein is a former music teacher, and Virginia Dickinson, an erstwhile interior decorator. Estelle Szymczak was a stenographer, Betty Kolerus a child care worker, Cecilia Hanratty a