

Campus COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Defending the Honor System

What we need is some straight-from-the-shoulder English about the Honor System—and I propose to present it.

Present criticism centers around two points—first, that the Honor Board is not active, and second, that student support is weak.

The board is plenty active. Two men have been expelled to date, and a couple more are on the way out—to mention only "capital punishment." The policy of protecting the individual by not publicising decisions is the reason for the apparent inactivity.

Lack of student support, however, is more real. And the trouble is mostly this:

Too many fellows think that they are in school to get high grades and get them with the least effort. They have not yet grown up.

A man studies at the college level to prepare himself to handle a responsible job after graduation. In about 36 months he works to absorb a background of fundamentals that is expected to help him in whatever work he is assigned to do for the rest of his life. After graduation, a man advances on the basis of what he really knows and how he applies that knowledge—not all on the basis of grades he received in college.

At present, a man with a bachelor of science degree in engineering is understood to possess the right to the title of Engineer. It will not be long before this will not be true. Laws for registration of engineers are in effect in many states, and the movement is spreading. The title of Engineer in the future will be earned by passing a state examination—as hard, or harder, than the present examination for the professions of medicine and law. In no state will a man be able to cheat his way to the title of Engineer.

Engineering is one of the oldest and most respected, although little publicised, professions. Any man who is a member of that profession, or aspires to be a member, should be downright jealous of that position. Do any of you want to have anyone cheat his way to the right to walk up to you and say, "I too am an Engineer, and a graduate of IIT"? I don't. And I don't think you do either.

Right here is the answer to the

"I won't be a squealer" argument. If one man does something that will have no effect on another, any criticism by the second is entirely a matter of his own choice. But a man who cheats all or part of his way to the title of Engineer, because of things that he really does not know, damages both the reputation of his college and the respect with which all other members of the engineering profession are regarded.

Men of the V-12 unit have a dual responsibility. Upon graduation, they will not only become members of the engineering profession, but candidates for the position of officers in the United States Navy as well. And a man caught cheating in a navy officers school does not get a second chance.

Any man who sees another cheat on an exam should personally, and privately, warn him. If the person persists in cheating after the first warning, each and every member of the class has the responsibility to himself, to his classmates, to his school, and to his professor to bring the matter to the attention of the Honor Board. The board, on the basis of its experience and faculty guidance, is in a position to handle the case fairly. To shirk this responsibility is to show disrespect to the school and to the profession of engineering.

R. L. Rose—ME '43

The Honoraries Reply

In an editorial in last week's paper several spheres of activity were given in which the various honoraries were alleged to be dormant. One of these spheres of activity was the planing and presentation of assemblies to the student body during the Wednesday free hour. That this function should be performed I do not deny; however, I do not believe that the honoraries are the group best suited for this task. The honoraries consist of only

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IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What are your general impressions of the Integral Dance held Saturday, August 28?

JOSEPH M. ALGINO, Senior Mechanical: I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to the Integral staff for the great success of the Integral Dance. Truly it was an affair well worth while and the promoters of the gala affair deserve a great deal of credit.

JOHN WEBER, JR., Senior Electrical: Best dance of the semester!!

The combination of a good band and a perfect dance floor enabled me to pop the question to the little woman.

May I express my thanks to the committee for arranging the dance and affording me an opportunity to ask her. Plenty of refreshments should set a precedent for future dances. Chester should be retained for more dances.

SIDNEY MAYSTER, Junior Mechanical: The Integral dance in my estimation was a very fine affair, and more such affairs should be had. We really outdid ourselves by getting Bob Chester to play for us. The ceremony was fine but I think the judges' opinion of the queen was a

little sour; they should pick them a little older.

DON ARENSON, Senior Physics Major: This is a rather senseless question to ask me. My answer is obvious. It was about the most enjoyable evening I have ever had. After all, look what I accomplished. I kissed seven girls that evening. Five of them were about the most luscious girls I have ever seen. These were the queen and her court. In addition to that, I had a good excuse for ditching my girl most of the evening and enjoying the queen and her court.

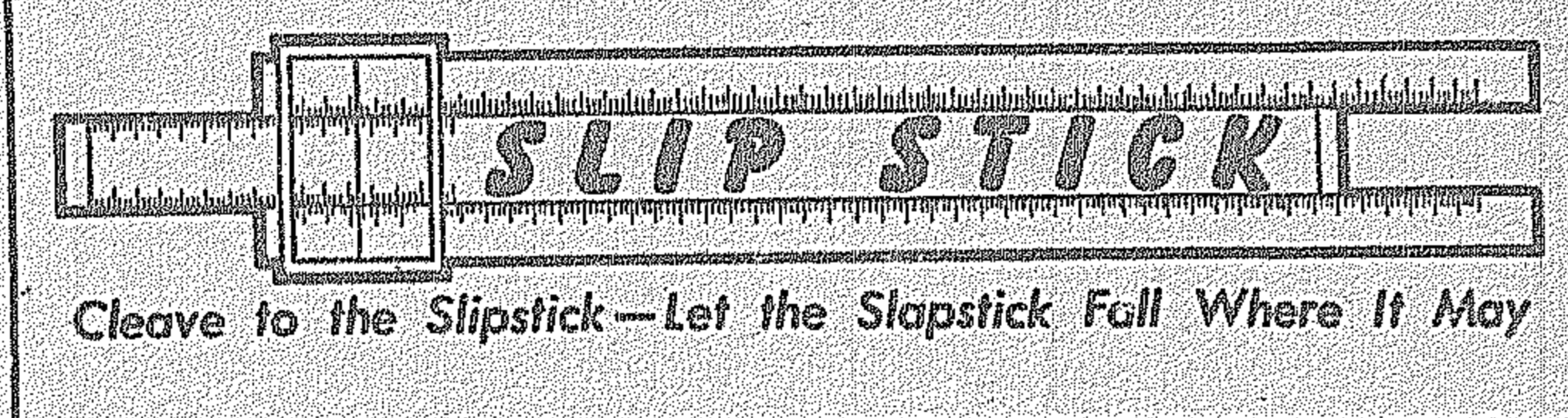
HERMAN MIROCHNICK, Junior Chemical: The main purpose of the dance was adequately fulfilled. Everyone, including myself, enjoyed it immensely. I believe affairs of this type as well as the coming play, to be given by the Armour players, do a great deal in relaxing

the hard pressed brains of the students. In time to come IIT will become more and more socially inclined, and the students attending it shall display that everlingering spark of enjoyment gotten from campus activities. Much credit is due to all who seek to make their schooling an outstanding period of their lives. My conclusion is a self-appointed one, whereby all interested in developing IIT socially, as well as academically, must take a part.

—LEONARD BROWN

Electrician Mates

LESLIE PRICE and **HARLEY FLANDERS** claim they have repeated **ROBERT MILLIKAN'S** oil drop experiment though they admit it was done on a much smaller scale . . . **BERNARD KARSH** served four years in the Air Force ferry command. He spent over a year of this time in England and North Africa . . . **A/S WILLIAM NASH** is the son of **PROF. C. A. NASH** of the electrical engineering department . . . **LENARD GOST**, soph mechanical, has been mentioned in this column in the past as a student in a barber college; now he is a registered and practicing barber . . . **NORMAN BORON** claims that he has not stayed in one night to study during this semester . . . **PERRY WINSTON** matriculated at IIT when he was sixteen years old . . . **GERALD SCHNEIDER** worked in the ladies dress business before he decided to be an engineer.



Homework phooey! Jokes hooray! (Instructors please disregard). So off we go on the merry chase.

Major: Eggs and plenty of bacon, waiter; eggs not to hard; make the bacon crisp and dry; buttered toast—not too much butter—and iced coffee without too much ice.

Waiter: Would you care for a special design on the plate?

—IIT—

Fashion Note:

Black garters will be worn out of reverence to those who have passed beyond.

—IIT—

A/S: You know, Sally Jane, I think you're getting much thinner. **Sally Jane:** Yes, I'm lost a lot of weight. You can count my ribs.

A/S: Gosh—thanks.

—IIT—

Sam: What do you call a man who is afraid to fight?

Roy: A bachelor, isn't it?

—IIT—

Tom: Can I take you home? I love to take experienced girls home!

Sue: But I'm not an experienced girl.

Tom: Well you ain't home yet.

—IIT—

Signs of the times (in a real estate office): Get lots while you're young.

—IIT—

Philosophical Note:

One fellow whose work is on the up and up is the chef of an ocean liner.

—IIT—

Prof: Who invented the hole in the doughnut?

Student: Oh, some fresh air fiend, I suppose.

—IIT—

One of the boys rose from the dining room of a fashionable restaurant and walked toward the door. He was passing the house detective at the entrance when a silver sugar bowl dropped from his bulging coat.

The guest glanced calmly at the officer, then turned with an expression of polite annoyance toward the occupants of the room.

"Ruffians," he said. "Who threw that?" and walked out.

—IIT—

Efficiency Plus:

Our airplane plants are turning out new bombers and fighter planes with dizzy speed. Last week at Lockheed it was reported that they built a plane in eight hours flat. Five minutes later a pilot took off in it. Six hours later the plant received a cable from him . . . it read: "I am in Australia. Please send motor."

—IIT—

Drunk, Definition:

He is not drunk who, from the floor, Can rise again and drink some more: But he is drunk who prostrate lies, And cannot drink and cannot rise.

—IIT—

Philosophical note:

Modern photos show not only insteps, but step-ins.

—IIT—

Off we go to the homework! (Are you satisfied, professors?)

—LARRY VYTAUTAS CERNAUSKUS

V-12 VETS

A/S MARK ROBINSON

A/S Mark Robinson shipped aboard Sept. 16, 1942. He took his "boots" in Norfolk, Va. Upon completion of "boots" Mark went to an Electrician Mates School in Newport, R. I.

Upon graduation from Electrician Mates School, Mark received his Electrician Mate 3rd class rating and went to the receiving station at Norfolk, Va., to await shipping orders. Mark was ordered aboard the 27,000 ton U.S.S. Texas and became one in her complement of seventeen hundred men. The Texas was sent on convoy duty in the South Atlantic where she helped ferry troops to Casablanca, North Africa.

On the return trip the Texas, Mark and company, brought German prisoners to the U. S. When the Texas hit port Mark was ordered ashore to take submarine chaser training in Miami. In Miami Mark was trained for destroyer escort duty and was a participant in the commissioning of the DE 158, U.S.S. Chase.

Mark again was sent on convoy duty in the South Atlantic, and again the destination was North Africa, this time Algiers.

An interesting feature of Mark's arrival on North African soil was that both entries came when the French colonials were in full celebration. The first time he arrived the Germans in North Africa surrendered on the exact same day. Arrival number two came the day after the fall of Corsica, which to the French marked the first liberation of French soil. This day was made a national holiday.

After his return to the United States he was returned to Sub-Chaser School but was side tracked and made an instructor of French sailors who would operate American Lend-Lease ships. This was due to his ability to speak French.

On the day he was slated to make a shakedown with a French crew he took the V-12 entrance exam instead. Upon his successful completion of the test and acceptance in V-12 he was ordered to report to IIT.

He reported to IIT on March 1, 1944, where he is now a senior electrical who will graduate this term. Before coming to IIT he had three years of EE at Princeton University.

Mark hails from New Orleans where he attended Metairie Park Country Day School.

—A/S CHARLES SMITH

dis & data

Soldier and sailor husbands whom they haven't seen for months, boy friends in Sicily, brothers in Africa—these are typical reasons why a large number of Illinois Institute of Technology's 110 women signal corps inspection trainees are determined to do their part for the war effort.

These women, who, incidentally, represent all parts of the country from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles and from Minneapolis to Miami, are learning to supervise inspection of signal corps equipment which, in many cases, may go to their husbands and fiancés overseas.

Typical is Mrs. Kathleen Knowlton of Los Angeles, who is studying radio while her husband, a major, serves in New Britain. Mrs. Mary Verrers of Corning, Ohio, writes to her husband in the Pacific, while Estelle Szymczak sends V-mail letters to a boy friend in Sicily and to three brothers in the service, one of them in Africa.

—dis & data—

Did you know . . .

That Dr. Myril B. Reed, professor of electrical engineering, and his wife, who also teaches electrical engineering, are both enrolled in an Illinois Tech war training course ("synchronous machinery," one of the most advanced courses)?

That William R. Mehaffey, EE '37, supervisor of electronics in mechanics at the Armour Research Foundation, was manufacturing amplifying equipment even before his graduation from Illinois Tech?

—dis & data—

Darwin DeBrown, 18-year-old Chicagoan, will never be able to serve his country in the armed forces, but he's preparing to do his part in the war effort just the same. Although blind, he's taking a war training course in elements of radio at Illinois Tech.

A Marshall High School senior, Darwin wants to go into a war plant upon graduation; his training at Illinois Tech is preparing him for a job in radio, his chosen field.

Darwin is one student who never falls asleep in class. He gets all his class work by listening carefully to the lectures—and his instructors say he has no difficulty with lab work.

Blind from the age of two years, Darwin lost his sight from shock as a trailer he was in was struck by a falling tree. He has two brothers in the armed forces, one in the army and the other in the merchant marine.