

Campers COMMENTS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK: Failure of Phling

Let's not have any more dances like the Phinal Phling I most assuredly hope that if the social life of IIT is to maintain its high level the next dance must compensate for this dismal failure.

When I approached the threshold my ears were irritated by an organ murdering popular music. As I got close enough to see in, my eyes met a spectacle of crude flashing lights uninterrupted by a crowd. The fact is when one danced he had practically the complete floor for himself. I must admit that I am a gregarious individual and I like to see a turnout.

The catastrophic failure of this dance was due to a budget which "bent over backwards", a lack of publicity and a poor choice of location.

It seems to me that for our first dance of this semester we should get back to our old style of dance. Most students interested in dances want to see a first rate band, and a first rate location. I fail to see any reason why a dance properly managed and well promoted cannot come through a social success with financial stability.

A Loyal School Supporter

A Look At Alumni

From all parts of the country and globe, our alumni are thinking of their alma mater and seldom fail to write in when something new happens.

"Oh happy day" is the thought of Al Dambros, captain of the 1943 baseball team. Al is stationed at Oklahoma A & M where there are 1500 Waves, 1000 coeds and only 600 sailors to keep them happy.

Roman Mankus of the 1942 boxing team is now a lieutenant (j.g.). Mankus is the assistant superintendent of aircraft repair in the assembly and repair shops for a division in the Hawaiian Islands.

Lt. (j.g.) Ed Colender's destroyer has been in Tojo's backyard for so long, that he says the scenery seems more like home than Thirty-third and Federal. Colender was manager of the 1941 basketball team and like all true Illinois Tech men in the Pacific, claims that the beer is too warm.

Al Schreiber, '38, has about 5000 workers under him in his duties at a Puget Sound shipyard.

Alvin Auerbach, '31, was recently promoted to the rank of colonel. Auerbach is in the Engineer Corps.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

Two members of the Southern Illinois Normal University's football team are preachers. The men who take to the pulpit each Sunday are Edward Hoffman and Russell Simpson, both seniors.

With most youngsters his age still in the seventh grade, Darwin T. Turner, son of a Chicago pharmacist, enrolled this semester in the University of Cincinnati, as the youngest freshman in its history. Darwin, a Negro student, is only 13 years old.

At Valparaiso university, a freshman asked an upperclassman, "Who are these 'sick guys' I hear about?" The astounded upperclassman also a "sick guy," told the freshman to take a course in Greek, and learn the pronunciation of Sigma Chi.

The blue noses of the local chapter of the WCTU quivered with joy when they heard about one of their politically minded members who exclaimed "If Dewey wins, I'm going down to Ye Olde Style and celebrate—with two cokes!"

Possibility of a tradition is in the sprouting of breakfast clubs at Duke university.

The sports editor for the University of Kentucky newspaper is a pretty young lass and is still holding her own—through all the trials of Kentucky's football games.

At the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, it has been reported from reliable sources that a new sorority is being organized. The name is to be No Rata Data and it will be composed of those girls who, when the cuties are gone, remain in the dorm and study their next day's lessons in Marriages and Family Relations. Ironic, we'd say.

The first fraternity in the United States was Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1776 at William and Mary college. At that time, Phi Beta Kappa was a social fraternity.

An ad was recently put in the Wright College News which might be used at IIT when a dance is coming up.

As they stated it:

CAR WANTED!!!!

Cadillac or Ford
New or Old
Tires or Rims
Will sit in car or on running board or what have you?
Will defray expenses
Will supply two gas coupons
Replies receiver at Locker 000234

From the "Marginal Notes" column of the Wilson College Press comes these enlightening rules which may or may not be applicable to IIT engineers, or those who hope to be some day, ought to have three qualifications:

1. They ought to be good engineers.
 2. They ought to be gentlemen.
 3. They ought to be able to cuss when the need arises.
- Just guess which of the three the boys will learn first!

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION

What was your reaction to the election?

CHARLES R. ADLER, Junior Chemical: I will not lose any sleep over it; but I wouldn't if Dewey had won either. Due to the war conditions it might have been for the best, although I believe Dewey could have taken over very successfully. I would have enjoyed seeing a good housecleaning, and I hate to think of the possible favors that have to be paid off. If I were certain that peace was due soon, I would be very disappointed; because I believe Dewey would have been elected under these conditions.

A/S GEORGE FAIRMAN, Junior Mechanical: I was not surprised when returns indicated that the Commander-in-Chief was to remain in the White House, but I had hoped for a change.

The G.O.P. failed because their campaign lacked a running start; they weren't on the "in" which would have given them the necessary teeth to do battle. Dewey has not politically matured. Perhaps a longer campaign would have helped but I doubt it.

F.D.R. still has that politically magnetic voice, wit, and smile, which has made him so popular for the last 12 years.

A/S BURTON L. LYNCH, Junior Mechanical: My reaction to the election was exactly like everybody else's. Roosevelt will be president four more long years, and all of us will get the impression that he will call it quits in January, 1949. However, he might possibly be "drafted" again.

Dewey, in the meantime, will not say anything about accepting another nomination. He will run, though, unless someone else catches the public fancy—MacArthur, Commando Kelly, or somebody equally well qualified.

ALBIN F. PODGURSKI, Junior Mechanical: I hardly find it possible to react to anything which seemed as inevitable as the Democratic victory last Tuesday. The election lacked the verve and excitement of previous years. It seems that America was too tired to react in anyway beyond naive apathy. However I did encounter a few ardent sentimentalists and reformers who denounced and exulted either candidate with beaming vehemence. These for the most part, knew very little of the significance and importance (or unimportance) of the election.

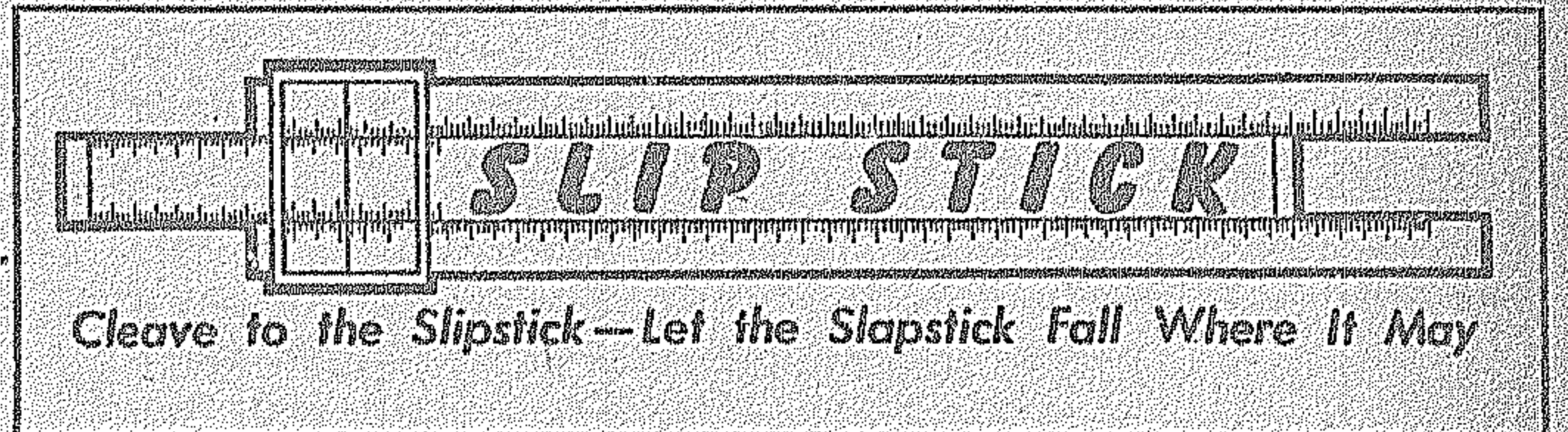
EDWARD A. SHORE, Junior Chemistry major: Tuesday's elections will have a prominent place in America's history. They mark the people's repudiation of the policy of isolationism. Roosevelt's reelection is not nearly as important as the defeat of men like Hamilton Fish and Stephen A. Day, and their replacement by forward looking men and women. The election of Emily Taft Douglas and the reelection of Scott Lucas should strengthen the faith of all liberals in a progressive America. The American Voter should be congratulated for his foresight in giving President Roosevelt a favorable Congress. Mr. Roosevelt will not be handicapped in the same manner as Woodrow Wilson.

GEORGE ATTEBERRY, Graduate Student: I believe that the reelection of President Roosevelt is a very definite indication that the majority of the American people have OK'd his foreign policy. The defeat of Cotton Ed Smith, Carraway, Day, Busbey, Nye, Lyons, Fish, Dies, and Walsh is indication that the American people have changed their minds about World Cooperation in the last twenty years. In 1920 it was an Isolation year, in 1944 it's World Cooperation.

—HENRY FREUND

James' Notes

O. GORDON ERICKSON, IIT's musical director, can sing the services of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant churches... The fact that PROFESSOR JOHN PENN of the civil engineering department graduated from Armour is worthy of Names and Notes in itself, but few people know that he has held several high positions in the school. PROFESSOR PENN has been an assistant professor, associate professor, examiner, registrar, assistant dean, dean and chairman of the Faculty Committee when the school had no president... ALFRED W. BRUHN, manager of the bookstore, holds a doctor of divinity degree and was a minister for ten years... The Green Bay Recruit Training Camp at Great Lakes was the scene of an IIT reunion last summer. At least 30 former IIT men met one Sunday and talked over old times. These included: THOMAS HUNTER, BURTON FRIED, JEROME BRASCH, RONALD LIND, JOHN VOLAKAKIS, MARIVN QUATMAN, HAROLD BURKART, WILLIAM WEAVER, FELIX ROSENTHAL and PAUL GOLDSMITH.



Hi, Fellows: My name, I know, is quite new to most of you and since I intend to be around each Monday, I feel you should know something about me. Besides studying engineering, I play a xylophone, that is, I mingle from bar to bar. I like music very much; every time I hear my girl singing in the bath, I put my ear to the key hole. Since I'm so closely associated with my girl, you should also know about her. No, she not built like a brick smoke house; she's more like the stuff that goes into one. Her lips are like a hotel—room for everybody. She's aware of my versatility; in fact, she says I'm a "jack of all trades", because I try my hand on everything. Those of you who might be further interested can meet me and my gal any Saturday night outside the Palmer House. That's where she lives—outside the Palmer House.

Note to Nancy: It isn't always a sign that Bob has been out on a beer party just because he comes home with a little Blue Ribbon in his pocket.

Algino: I've brought these trousers to be resealed; you know I sit a lot.

Tailor: Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted, you know I've stood a lot.

Chemists have found a way to make synthetic milk, but the majority of the population prefer it the udder way.

A V-12er was taking swimming lessons and making extraordinary progress with the breast stroke until he was slapped in the face by a cold wave.

Hank: Ah, you have a lovely mouth.

Darlene: You've been all over that before.

"Who says all men are born free?" wailed the father as the doctor handed him the bill, after delivering Junior.

IIT man arrested for speeding: But, Your Honor, I am a college boy.

Judge: Ignorance doesn't excuse anybody.

Dorothy: I can't marry Herb, mother; he's an atheist and doesn't believe in hell.

Mother: Marry him and between us, we'll show him he's wrong.

Note to Math Department: We learned that figures don't lie, but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth.

She (at house party): Let's go out in the garden a few minutes.

He: That's a good idea. Let's go out in the garden and cool off.

She: Let's stay inside.

The pretty girl sat in the corner

of the compartment next to her sweetheart, her little niece on her knee. The train dashed into a tunnel, and suddenly the other passengers heard the little girl exclaim: "Kiss me, too, Auntie Violet!"

"Mavis," said Aunt Violet, quickly, "you should say, 'Kiss me twice, 'Kiss me two' is not good grammar."

I'm afraid that's all I have at this time and in parting remember, if your girl shakes, don't get rattled.

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

Illinois Tech Vets

ALICE LEWIS

The first ex-marine servicewomen to attend IIT is Alice Irene Lewis, freshman in chemical engineering.

Alice was sworn into the marine corp December 18, 1943 and reported for active duty at Camp LeJeune, New River, North Carolina on February 21 of this year.

After completion of the six-week marine "Boot Camp", she was transferred to the marine base at Cherry Point, North Carolina where she was to be a chemical laboratory assistant. On May 17 she was honorably discharged from the marine corps because of the fact that she was under age when she enlisted.

Alice is blonde, five feet eight inches tall and frankly admits that she weighs 155 pounds. Her comment on the men at IIT is, "In comparison to the war plant in which I was working it's refreshing not to find so many wolves here."

After leaving the marines, she went to work for the Pratt, Whitney Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri until the present time when she came to IIT to study chemical engineering.

Alice cannot take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights because of the fact that she wasn't in active service for the required three month period. She is paying her way through school with the money she earned in defense work and now is working for the Engineering, Science and War Training office here at IIT.

She attended the University of Kansas before entering the service and her chief desire at present is to be a metallurgical engineer.

The reason why she wears slacks and sweaters, she explains is that they are the best garb for efficient work in the laboratories here. She lives at the Lewis branch girl's dormitories at 1952 W. Madison St.

A/S ALLAN GRANT