

Campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Open Letter to Freshmen

War time conditions and the fact that most of us are still strangers to one another might be the reason for our lack of class spirit. In the last election, of the five positions which were open for nomination, only six candidates sought election.

It is desirable that we have cooperation and class spirit if, we, the freshman class want to take part in the affairs of the school. The time to do such planning is while we are susceptible to new ideas. Many benefits are derived from a united student body, such as a strong voice in school affairs, recreation in various forms as clubs, sports and social functions. This gives us a good background in democratic training. This in addition to academic training will make you the engineer of the future.

A Look At Alumni

"It's been like an old IIT reunion down here," stated Ensign Nat Rattner of the 1943 wrestling team. At his new station in Florida, Nat is with Dan Gengo, George Martin-ek, and Claude Anderson, all officers and former "Techawks".

On one of our biggest aircraft carriers, its "Commander" is Ray Pflum, who was captain of our 1936 basketball team. Ray is in charge of a fighter squadron in the Southwest Pacific.

Warren Furst, captain of the 1944 baseball team will still have to watch over Bob Steward, our former pitcher. Seems like "Stew" got five demerits for talking after taps during his first week at midshipman's school.

Paul B. Juhnke of the Lewis campus '04, is the chief operating engineer of the Commonwealth Edison Company.

Professor Daniel Roesch '04, was the inventor and designer for an automatic advance that was controlled by intake vacuum.

Engineers sure get around. Robert J. Casey '09, is one of the famous war correspondents for the Chicago Daily News.

Norman Offenber, '45, has been selected for the Marines' Officer Training school.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

Social Chairmen Challenged

I completely agree with the sentiment recently expressed in Campus Comments concerning the future of dances and social life at IIT. This letter, I felt, expressed a premature challenge to the social chairmen of the classes who at that time were not elected.

Now they have been elected and the challenge still stands. Are the new chairmen, Wright, Arends, Kukul, and Wilt, going to pick up the gauntlet or are they going to shirk their responsibilities. The important thing to remember is that each of these men asked for the job, therefore it can be expected that they have something to offer the student.

These men will have to decide whether the ASSC is to continue functioning or not. If it does not, then they must propose a plan whereby IIT will continue to have all school affairs. It seems that the student body prefers all school dances since it provides a basis of school unity and also enables a better location and band to be obtained.

This last point, I believe, is the crux of the whole problem. In order to have dances go over to the satisfaction of the majority it is necessary to get a crowd out. To

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IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

What was your opinion of the recent student election?

A/S ROBERT FREUND, Junior Electrical: "In spite of the fact that more students voted than usually do, the percentage who did vote was depressingly small. Those who did vote had little choice in picking candidates because several important offices were uncontested. Perhaps there

would be less complaint from the student body about campus activities if we could get everyone out to vote and be sure to have the person elected who can serve the most students in the best manner."

SAM LLOYD, Senior: "The elections were run very effectively, but 44 per cent is a small majority. Where is all the school spirit? Who wants to support officers that were elected by one-half of the student body? The senior class elections seemed the poorest. Last semester only second term seniors could hold office, and this term only first semester seniors can rule."

A/S JOHN O. ENANDER, Junior Mechanical: "My observation of the past class election is that a great many good leaders did not enter the race because they thought that they could not spare the time from their books. The attention of these individuals should be called to the cries of industry for engineers who are willing to accept responsibility . . . not mere technicians or "brains".

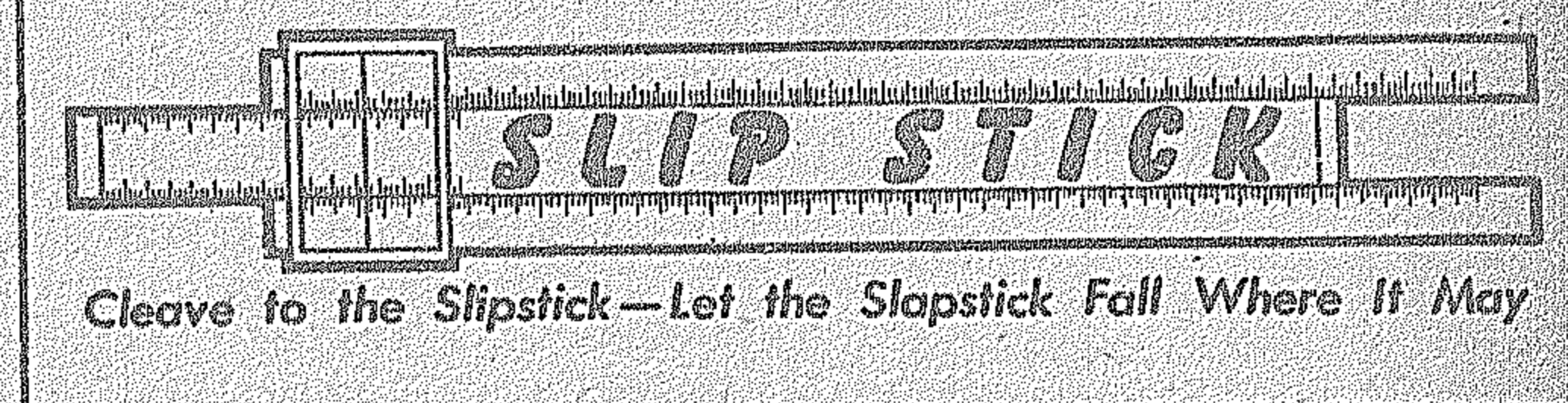
MORTON SPECTOR, Junior Mechanical: "Without doubt, I feel that the recent elections were the finest held in the last two and one-half years at IIT. This does not mean that more cannot be done in stirring up political and class spirit in these elections. Little attempt, it seems to me, was made on the part of the candidates to really express their aims for being elected. I think the actual voting could be done in a more organized fashion rather than the haphazard way of signing a name on a sheet of paper for a ballot."

LEONARD JATCZAK, Junior Mechanical: "The turnout in this election, I believe, was the best for many a semester. Publicity aroused class interest, but when two or three ITSA offices have only one candidate, I feel that we cannot say we've had a really good election. This is probably due to the lack of publicity and credit given to the ITSA for their work."

—LEONARD BROWN

James M. Omer

A/S WENDELL OMER'S father was recently elected one of the state representatives of Utah. . . HERMAN NELSON, senior chemical, is a member of three honorary fraternities and holds an office in each one of them. . . Because of the recognition gained in a national scientific talent contest sponsored by the Westinghouse Electric Company, LEONARD REIFFEL is now attending IIT on a scholarship from the company. . . A/S JOHN WRIGHT is proud of the fact that he has names and addresses of every girl that has come to the Dance Club on Wednesday nights. . . DEAN JAMES C. PEEBLES has the distinction of being an alumnus of both Armour and Lewis institutes. He attended Lewis first for two years and then graduated from Armour in 1904. . . NELL STEELE, librarian, played center on her high school basketball team.



Before getting under way I'd like to pass on a comment to the staff. Censoring this column leaves the reader with the same effect as a rum and coke, after the rum has been removed.

Prof: "How would you punctuate the following sentence: "Dorothy went in swimming and lost her suit."

Herb: "I'd make a dash after her."

—IIT—

Salesman: Here is a machine that will do the work of thirty men.

A. W.: At last I've seen what my wife should have married.

—IIT—

Red-headed Secretary: Golf is just like some auto rides I've taken . . . I smack the pill and then walk.

—IIT—

Goodness, Art, this isn't our baby. This is the wrong carriage.

Art: Shut up! This is a better carriage.

—IIT—

First the girl wanted stockings that would make it look as though they weren't wearing them. Now they paint their legs to make it look as though they are.

—IIT—

A pin-up girl is just like an easy chair, well upholstered but not over-stuffed.

—IIT—

For a sailor your boy friend is very shy.

Well, he's still an apprentice seaman.

—IIT—

A manicurist is luckier than most girls; not because she has so many men at her fingertips, but simply because she always knows where their hands are.

—IIT—

Sportsman says: "A girl's dress is built like a fence; it protects her property but doesn't obstruct the view."

—IIT—

1-A: They can't make me fight.

Draft Board: Maby not, but they can send you where the fighting is going on and let you decide for yourself.

—IIT—

There's one thing you fellas from Cicero can be thankful for, and that is you don't have to live any longer than the rest of us.

—IIT—

Pin-Up: How do you like my new sweater?

Admirer: I don't think it's new; it looks to me as though it had been hung up twice.

—IIT—

A bridegroom is a man who gives up good quarters to become a better half.

—IIT—

Milly: They tell me you had a date last night with that bad egg.

Sue: Must be some other guy. This one was too fresh.

—IIT—

In conclusion, you'll find that holding hands with gloves on is like kissing through glass.

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

Illinois Tech Vets

John A. Cunningham

Former Marine and Carlson Raider John A. Cunningham is attending IIT after thirty-two months of active service.

John enlisted in November, 1941, and was sent to San Diego for his boot training.

One day John was selected by the drill instructor to be his counterpart in bayonet practice. Of course the Sergeant didn't know that John had been an instructor in fencing at Lake Forest College. After being repeatedly spilled, the Sergeant gave up. As a reward for his part of the performance John was allowed to work in the cook house for ten days.

After studying radio operation, John was sent to a scout and raider school. Here he was taught hand-to-hand combat and the fine points of sniping. However, the main subjects of the school were how to infiltrate and remain behind enemy lines.

Before being shipped to the South Pacific John went on maneuvers on the Islands off the coast of California.

On his arrival at Auckland New Zealand, John learned that radio operators were needed by the Carlson Raiders. He volunteered and joined the Raiders at Guadalcanal.

This period at Guadalcanal was the "moping up" stage. The Marines infiltrated the enemy lines and did the work that they were taught to do.

Soon afterwards the Raiders prepared another raid similar to that on Makin Island. John and the other Marines left by submarines for an undisclosed island. The first part of the Raiders' mission was reconnaissance and they were undiscovered for two weeks. The Japs finally made contact and the Raiders retired suffering heavy casualties. For undisclosed reasons various facts about this raid have remained a military secret.

John was one of the casualties. He was told later that an explosion had literally lifted him off the ground and hurled him against a tree. His head struck the tree and John was unconscious for a long time.

John was sent to a hospital in the states where he was honorably discharged. At the time of his discharge John was a corporal. However, at one time he was an acting Platoon Sergeant.

Besides a Presidential citation, John holds the South Pacific, North American, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and the Marine Expeditionary ribbons.

—JACOB KRAMER

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

Everyone has pet peeves, and according to "The Kernal," campus paper of the University of Kentucky, even freshmen girls! These campus veterans of two weeks voiced complaints ranging from food to men. They all agreed that their diet should be supplemented with more steaks and mushrooms and less spinach and carrots! Another pet peeve was the mail and male system. It seems that a letter a day and at least a date a month are required for a happy college life. And another irksome regulation, say the Freshies, is the "lights out at 11" rule. After all, they claim, after landing a date, 11 is "much too early to release ANY man!"

Another new entertainment lecture comes from Indiana University. A dance called the "Moccasin Massacre," will be given. To this informal "jam session" coeds may wear blue jeans, an item of clothing not normally worn to any dance.

A five-man committee at the Iowa State Teachers College is planning an "All-College Cut Day." The "Cut Day," which is something new on the campus entails the dismissal of all classes and an all day outing in which the entire student body will participate. Although the exact date of "Cut Day" is unknown to all but the committee, the entire student body awaits it with anticipation. And small wonder!

From the college paper of the Northwestern University comes this gem of wit: "Just because you have a nose like a banana, don't think that you're one of the bunch."

Although North Central College, unlike Illinois Tech, will adjourn for Thanksgiving, any unnecessary absences, either preceding or following the holiday, will cost the offending student one dollar!

Coeds at Southern Illinois Normal University celebrated the return of "Tony's Place," a building recently occupied by 150 Air Corps Cadets. By way of celebration the girls held "open house." The chief attraction of this coming home party was a "Bar" at which champagne, wine and beer were served. However, it turned out that the "champagne" was only gingerale; the "wine," cider, and the "beer," root beer!

"A bathing beauty can be happy with a handsome man and likewise a handsome man can be happy with a bathing beauty." This astonishing statement was made by a professor of chemistry at the Iowa State Teachers College. He was explaining the exchange of electrons! "Furthermore," he said, "an extra beautiful woman or an extra handsome man is irksome to a group where there are exactly enough of each. This can be likened to sodium with the extra man and chlorine with the extra woman. Of course, the ideal situation is when the extra man meets the extra woman and live happily ever after. This happens when sodium and chlorine combine. The result, common table salt."

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL