

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Gym Classes
What's wrong! Are we to be neglected? Where are the gym classes? Now don't think that this is a silly statement. Most fellows dislike gym because it requires a little work, or they are not great athletes. However, why shouldn't we keep physically fit? Many of the freshmen will be entering the service soon and to make things easier for them, it is best that they be in the pink of condition.

A Look At Alumni

Harris Perlstein, ChE '14, is the president of the Premier Pabst Corporation. To we lovers of the "golden nectar of the gods," perhaps we should seek employment as samplers.

Lt. Col. David D. Manson, EE '26, of the Signal Corps, is with the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Ocean Area.

Comes news that Harry Richter is leaving the Carnegie Steel plant at Pittsburgh, and will come to Chicago this month to work on the post-war plans for the Carnegie plant at Gary, Indiana.

Offices of Robert I. Wishnik, president of WITCO, formerly the Wishnik-Tumpeier Co., will be in Chicago for the month of December.

Ed Yuknis, ME '42, is the assistant engineer aboard the destroyer escort Willett.

First Christmas card received this term was from Rocco DeStefano, ME '42, who is aboard the USS Gilmore.

Back again in the States, Harry Sieg is the officer in charge of the test fire of all torpedoes manufactured in three large cities. After they pass their specifications they are sent to the fleet where they really can raise a little "hell".

Ens. Jim Duncan, ChE '40, ran in to John Butkus, Herb Shea, Claire Dunbar, and Clay Dement at Pearl Harbor. Clay and Claire are roommates.

Earl Mills, Bert and Art Olson all of the class of '44 are reported to be still down in Tennessee.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

According to "The Lass-O", college paper of the Texas State College for Women, any student who wants to live in Mexico can now do so by exchanging places with a Mexican student of similar tastes. Since the war has practically stopped all civilian travel to Europe, Mexicans are sending their children to the United States. States the director of the service, "It is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with our neighbors to the south."

"Hell Week" has begun for freshman girls of Bradley Tech at Peoria, Illinois. Among the more pleasant duties of a "Green Worm" is the conceding of a hard-won place in the chow line to an upperclassman, carrying trays, books, etc. for said upperclassmen; wearing ridiculous costumes. Other hardships suffered by the frosh are: marching to meals in single file with one foot in the gutter and the other on the curb; rising early in the morning before the rest of the campus; and falling flat on their faces at the mention of the phrase, "Air Raid!"

The University of Indiana will be honored by a visit from Jan Struther, author of "Mrs. Miniver." Miss Struther will speak on "A Pocketfull of Pebbles," a novelist's view of current affairs. Miss Struther is on a nationwide speaking tour.

Lucky University of Cincinnati! A contingent of forty-two WACs have arrived on the campus! And within three weeks there will be ninety more. Although the WACs will not have any classes on the campus, their presence should liven things up for U. C.'s remaining civilian men.

Via the South Dakota Collegian, we learn that a student at the University of Minnesota, a discharged serviceman, has started a one-man campaign to discourage co-eds from wearing "sloppy garb". He seeks to eliminate blue jeans, plaid shirts, bobby socks, and moccasins from the college girl's wardrobe. His method of attack is to wear his version of the "sloppy co-ed" around the U. M. campus. He says that if this fails he will grow a beard.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

QUESTION:
In view of the cigarette shortage should women change to cigars and pipes?

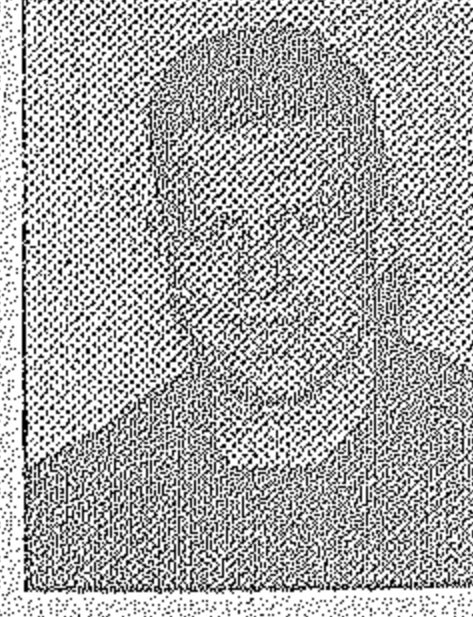
EDWARD RUBIN, Junior Industrial: I believe that it depends upon the women themselves.



place for everything and all girls and women should use their own judgment. I don't believe that it is necessary for the women to go to such an extreme.

H. C. DUBIN, Junior Mechanical: No, definitely not. Women are constantly striving to maintain their femininity and a pipe or cigar is certainly not feminine. It may seem like a hardship but don't forget that women wear tight girdles and too small shoes just to appear delicate. A pipe or cigar would give them a harsh masculine appearance which to me is very unfavorable.

A/S ROBERT BUCKIUS, Junior Mechanical: In my opinion women,



if they must smoke, should change to a pipe. Cigars are definitely out since they would undoubtedly be crushed and mutilated in a woman's purse. The pipe is more practical since a pipe is more substantial, would not break readily and also a woman probably wouldn't smoke so much if she had to do a little work, like loading a pipe.

A/S HENRY HILLBROOK, Sophomore Electrical: Although I smoke few cigarettes I enjoy a good pipe. However, as acute as the shortage is, women should not turn to cigars. At the present time, there is a shortage of cigars which is nearly as acute as the cigarette shortage. If the women should change to cigars, it would be impossible to get cigars. A pipe may be smoked in the privacy of their own home, but never out in public as cigarettes are enough of a disgrace to the weaker sex.

FORREST NEIL, Junior Civil: I see no reason why they should not if they feel the desire to do so. However, I personally do not like the picture of a woman with a pipe drooling from her mouth. If they can smoke cigars without getting sick, they're better men than I am, so more power to them. I think of women smoking cigars and pipes as I do of the sexless bags who try to imitate the male sex by wearing men's clothes and hanging over a bar twelve hours a night.

—LEONARD BROWN



A/S BEN GORDON has competed with the nation's top bike riders before his entrance into the Navy...WALTER HENDRICKS, chairman of the language and literature department was an air ace in the last World War...BILL BLODER and BILL ZECHEL operate a complete chemistry laboratory in the basement of Zechel's home...LOUIS KISHKUNAS, although only 17, is an accomplished pilot and is now working for a pilot's license...WALTER KOEHLER plays the organ in church every Sunday...NELLE STEELE, librarian, catalogued army equipment at Camp Grant in World War I.



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

I didn't mean to say all those things about my girl, 'cause Jean is good looking; her face is her fortune, and it really runs into a nice little figure. I met her sister and she's very timid, and she's afraid of her own shadow. I don't suppose you can blame the kid, after all it looks as though a crowd is following her. She's got that skin you have to retouch and wrinkles have vanished into permanent waves. The first time I saw her she reminded me of a flight of icy steps, she had such a cold stare. Just like Jean she claims her face is her fortune, but I doubt whether anyone will marry her for her money!

Art: "I want a corset for my wife."

Clerk: "What bust?"

Art: "Nothing, it just wore out."

"These shirts are especially strong, madam. They simply laugh at the laundry."

"I know that kind; I had some which came back with their sides split."

"Does she know anything about cars?"

"Naw, she thinks you cool the motor by stripping the gears."

"Alimony"—When two people make a mistake and one continues to pay for it.

IIT Prof: "Wake that sailor up." V-12: "You wake him up, you're the one who put him to sleep."

Chauffeur: "This, madame, is the hand brake—it's put on very quickly in case of an emergency."

Madame: "I see—something like a kimona."

God first created the universe and then rested; God then created man and rested; he finally created woman and since then, neither God nor man has rested.

Econ Prof: "You boys of today want to make too much money. Why, do you know what I was getting when I was married?"

Joe: "No, and I'll bet you didn't either."

The zipper is the undoing of modern girls and yet on the other hand, it opens up great opportunities.

Statistics show that IIT grads have 1.3 children while Vassar grads have 1.7 children.

This proves that women have more children than men.

"I'd like to try on that bathing suit in the window."

"That's really not necessary—we have a dressing room in the back."

Tony: "I never wear gloves when I call on my girl."

Jack: "Why not?"

Tony: "I feel better without them."

For those of you who are still learning, you'll find that it isn't any fun kissing a girl over a phone unless you're in the booth with her.

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

V-12 VETS

DeWitt Pickens

When the Marines landed at Tarawa, DeWitt Pickens of Quarters #2 was aboard one of the destroyers supporting the landings. Pickens was serving as an Electrician's Mate 1/C. While bombing the islands, Pickens' ship was caught in cross fire between the U.S. fleet and some Jap planes and had to put into Pearl Harbor for repairs. While at Pearl Harbor, he received his transfer to V-12 and came to George Williams College.

Pickens, whose home is in Cincinnati, Ohio, enlisted in August of 1941 and went to Great Lakes for "Boots" and then to San Diego for Electrician's Mate training. While at 'Diego, he also went to Motion Picture Operator's school, and while on his destroyer operated the movies aboard ship. Pickens' first sea duty was putting a new destroyer in commission. The shakedown cruise consisted of a trip from the northern most point of the United States in Washington, to San Diego. Here Pickens made E.M. 3/C. Then his ship put to sea headed for the South Pacific, where it patrolled the coast of Guadalcanal while the Marines were "mopping up".

From the South Pacific, Pickens headed north to participate in the Attu-Kiska campaign. He stayed there for five months and made his next rate, E.M. 2/C.

In all his time at sea—he completed four-year enlistment in September of 1944—he says his most memorable experience was "Crossing the Line". The "Line" is the equator and those who are crossing it for the first time, "polywogs," are initiated by "shellbacks," those who have crossed it before. The initiation consists of mock trial before "King Neptune", "Davy Jones", and the "Royal Family of the Sea." At this trial ridiculous charges are presented against the polywogs and even more ridiculous punishments are inflicted.

The next part of the initiation consists of a trip to the "Royal Barber," where hair, eyebrows, mustaches are removed; an operation by the "Royal Doctor," performed with electrically-charged knives; a trip thru the "Tunnel of Purity", a long tunnel filled with about six inches of accumulated ships' refuse; and running the gauntlet of the entire shellbacks, who are armed with clubs.

In his tours of duty Pickens has received the American and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater campaign bars, the National Defense bar, and the Guadalcanal bar. He also has a hashmark for his completed enlistments.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL