

Campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: To Freshmen and Sophomores

There is not a single one of you underclassmen who is not aware of the fact that the elevator in Main Building is not for your use unless you have a pass signed by Dean Tibbals OK'ing your use of the elevator. The elevator, as you all know, is not

large enough to accommodate the entire student body, so naturally the upperclassmen are the ones to be able to use "the cage."

The elevator rules has grown up with the school and is a tradition not to be upset, even in wartime! Therefore, beginning today any freshman or sophomore found on the elevator will be dealt with in the customary manner, i.e., a cold shower a la clothes. Amen!!
The Senior Enforcement Committee

A Look At Alumni

Brig. Gen. Douglas L. Weart, CE '13, was recently presented with the Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama's highest decoration. The award was made to General Weart who is the chief of staff of the Caribbean defense command, for the co-operation given to the Panama government in the war effort.

Clinton Stryker, ChE '17, of the Nordberg Manufacturing Company in Milwaukee, is now a member of the Board of Trustees at Illinois Tech.

First alumnus to enter the SPARS is Marjorie Morgan, H Ec '42.

Seems like Jimmy Oldshue of last year's baseball and basketball team has unofficially broken Jesse Owen's record for the 100 yard dash. The story goes that Jim's instructor was showing him how to throw a grenade when the instructor "accidentally" dropped one of them. Little did Jim know while running, that the grenade the instructor dropped had a dummy charge.

From Jim Ladd comes word that he will bring home a French wife. Before the invasion, Jim was in a boxing exhibition in London, against Lew Jenkins.

Claude A. Knuempfer, '15, is the president of the General Engineering Works.

Ludwig Blumberg, Co-op '42, is IIT's first pilot of a B-29.

Our wandering Ensign, Ed "Casey" Puchalski, is at the Navy Bomb Disposal School in Washington, D.C.

Future Alumni: John Michael Jr., son of Gerry and Jack Byrne.

Patricia Frances, daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Gordon E. Walter. Aboard the USS Intrepid, "Tony" Barbaro is still keeping a rugged basketball frame. The games are held between the pilots and the crew when the forward elevator is lowered.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

"War's constructive works outweighs its deadly weapons". This statement was made by a professor at the University of Cincinnati when he was interviewed by the "Cincinnati News Record", campus paper of that school. He claims that the medical advancements, such as penicillin, sulfa, etc., balance such destructive weapons as aerial torpedoes and robot bombs. He added, "It is interesting to note that while new means of destroying life are invented, equally effective means of preserving it are also discovered".

Several times in this column I have mentioned the University of Indiana and its unusual dances. This week there is another. It is called the "Dames Ball." The unusual feature of this dance is that a "King of the Dames Ball" will be elected by the campus coeds from the male students. The nominations are made "by appeal". In addition, the coeds must make the date and follow all the courtesies she would expect from a date, such as corsage, cab, etc.

Students of Bradley Tech recently got out rakes and brooms and cleaned the entire campus of accumulated leaves, twigs, and other rubbish. The "outing" lasted an entire day and ended with an informal dance which the "janitors for a day" attended in the same garb in which they policed the campus.

Instead of buying extra liberty, students of Wheaton College are buying a jeep with their war bonds! Plans have been made for a "jeep dedication" day with community singing, speeches, refreshments, etc.

Following the true "Dogpatch" tradition most schools are having "Sadie Hawkins" dances. Southern Illinois Normal University is holding their dance in true style with all the citizenry of Dogpatch portrayed by students. And in true Dogpatch style, the dance is a no-date affair and what you catch at the dance is what you get!

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

I.I.T. inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

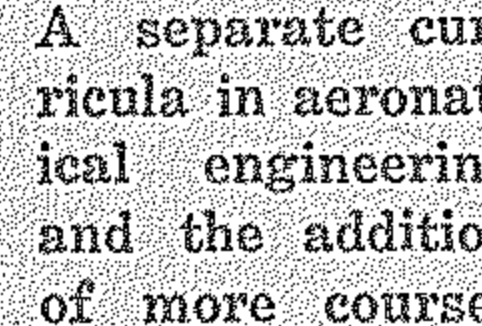
What changes would you like to see in the engineering curriculum?

CLARENCE G. BERGSTROM: Senior Chemistry Major: Not being in engineering I'm hardly qualified to say, but I do feel that a few more liberal arts courses could be included. There are hardly any elective courses worth taking which are outside of one's field.



The situation many improve as the enrollment increases again and it is possible to organize better classes.

LEONARD ELLER: Senior Mechanical: Being an aeronautical option student, I would first of all like to see the aeronautical engineering curriculum improved. A separate curricula in aeronautical engineering and the addition of more courses pertaining to aeronautical engineering would be advisable. In general, I think that there are too many instructors and professors teaching courses in which they are not actually versed,

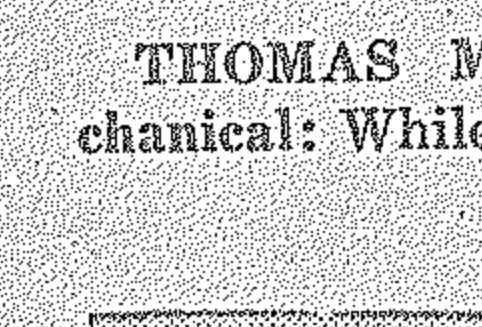


RUSSELL KASMAR: Senior Electrical: The engineering curriculum at this school seems quite satisfactory in many respects, however changes could be made that would be advantageous to the students. Departmental curriculums require the taking of subjects that seem unimportant and unnecessary to the student. Actually I believe that many of these courses are valuable to the student but he doesn't know it because these subjects are taught with a disregard to being practical.



LESTER MANDELSTEIN: Senior Fire Protect: As a senior at Illinois Tech, I would like to see a greater variety of electives. It has been extremely hard to choose your electives for the simple reason that the few courses given conflict readily with your regular program. Also, those that are given aren't always of interest to those of some departments. I fully realize that not everybody can be satisfied, but there are some courses that could be found of general interest.

THOMAS MORAN: Senior Mechanical: While studying physics the average student learns how to write a good complete laboratory report. The majority of reports after physics entail too much time wasting labor. A better mark appears to be given the student who "browns up" his reports with beautiful diagrams and the liberal use of a red pencil rather than to the student who has the better discussion and calculated results.



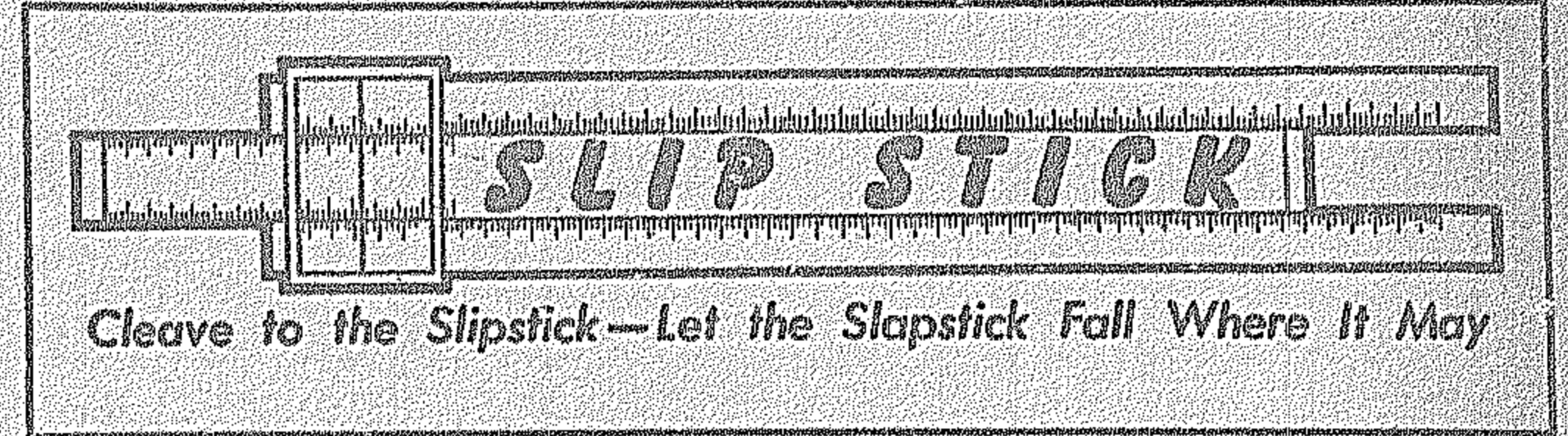
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—LEONARD BROWN

Slips Stick

WILLIAM E. KELLY, registrar, was born on the Isle of Man, which is between England and Ireland... WALTER KOEPPEN, freshman electrical, conducts a bible class every Sunday... A/S NORMAN HANKINS, now one of the Tech-hawks' high scorers, was on the Indiana All State high school basketball team of 1941... A/S HERBERT SCHOEN, senior civil, and A/S GEORGE CUMMINS, sophomore mechanical, are both amateur magicians... HAROLD POKRAS is believed to be the first apprentice seaman on active war duty to receive a doctor of philosophy degree... There are a total of 584 different courses offered at IIT... PAUL FLOOD is the fourth member of his family to attend Armour in the last 42 years.



I didn't get very far in telling you about Jean's sister. She swears she has never been kissed by a man. I guess that's reason enough to make any girl swear. Like all modern girls, she likes nice clothes, although she's not entirely wrapped up in them. All the things she wants to do are immoral, illegal or fattening. She has a negative personality but may be developed in a dark room.

"Why is it Art, that you never buy a raffle ticket?"

"I took a chance on a couch one night, and I'm still paying for it!"

ME Prof: "You sailors should pay attention. After all, you're getting good money for coming to class."

V-12 Student: "The money is good all right, but there's not enough of it."

"They say you can tell a girl's character by her clothes."

"Nonsense! Girls must have more character than that."

Then there was the skunk who wouldn't go to church on Sunday because he had to sit in his own pew.

A non compas mentis patiently held a fish pole and line in his asylum retreat.

"What are you fishing for, my man?" asked a visitor.

"Suckers," he replied, without looking up.

"Caught any?"

"You're the ninth!"

Recent reports from the authorities show that 75% of the accidents in automobiles are due to drivers hugging too close to the curves.

"You say he's 92, never looked at a girl in his life, and doesn't smoke, drink or gamble."

"Beats me why he wanted to live so long."

"Here's where I cut a good figure," said the pin-up girl as she sat on a broken bottle.

A man walking along a country road noticed that a farmer was having trouble with his horse. It would start, go slowly and then stop again. Thereupon the farmer would have great difficulty in getting it started. Finally the traveler approached and asked.

"Is your horse sick?"

"Not as I know of."

"Is he balky?"

"No, but he's so danged 'fraid I'll say whoa and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

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—"CHET" PACHUCKI

Illinois Tech Vets

Robert B. Applegate

A veteran of the historic battle at Tarawa, Robert Bradford Applegate is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at IIT.

Bob enlisted on the 167th birthday of the Marines and was sent to San Diego for his boot training. As soon as he finished advanced training at Camp Elliot Bob was sent to New Zealand.

One night while the Marines were on maneuvers Bob and his buddy were accidentally left behind. They failed to receive the orders to move forward and they remained fixed to their positions. They were missed at roll call and a searching party found them still at their positions.

While at Australia Bob learned that Chicago gangsters still roamed the streets with machine guns cradled in their arms. Bob hated to disillusion the inhabitants, but he patiently explained that such stories were somewhat exaggerated.

Soon afterwards the Marines left for the Tarawa invasion. After a terrific naval and air bombardment the Marines headed for the beaches. Partly because of the heavily entrenched Jap positions and partly because of the long shallow beaches the Marines suffered heavy casualties.

Bob came in on a rubber boat and set up his 60 mm. mortar. Just 24 hours after he began firing Bob was wounded.

Hearing a shrapnel whistle Bob fell to the ground and instinctively placed his hand on his helmet. That is where the shrapnel struck. It put a large dent in the helmet and Bob was rushed to the first aid station. He was then evacuated to a hospital where several of his fingers had to be amputated.

It is difficult for Bob to describe the battle. As he puts it, "It was just a mess." The trees and pillboxes were laid flat; ammunition dumps were exploding every now and then; and Jap bodies, burned to a crisp by the flame throwers, were strewn all over the field.

While Bob was convalescing at a hospital in the U.S. many movie actors and celebrities visited the wards. On another occasion a general purchased an entire box at the Rose Bowl football event and Bob was invited.

Nineteen months after his enlistment Bob was honorably discharged holding a Presidential Unit Citation and the Purple Heart. Besides the two awards Bob also has the South Pacific and North American campaign ribbons.

—JACOB KRAMER