

Campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Music in Cafeteria

The music which has been played in the cafeteria recently is excellent. Rho Epsilon, the sponsor of this music, deserves to be complimented.

It is definitely pleasing to have music while you are eating particularly the type which is played over the FM stations. I have heard that many of the navy students find this music quite to their tastes and also a considerable improvement over the conventional chow hall.

A Look At Alumni

Dr. Ruth E. Clouse, head of the Home Economics department at Lewis, is the wife of John Henry Clouse, ME '21.

Ulysses Backas, '44, was to be sent to Washington, D.C., for training in radio. Somehow he was shipped to Gulfport, Mississippi, with fellow Illinois Tech classmates, Bob LaCivita and Joe Gleason. Misery, fate, and the "green banana" can't be so bad, for he also met John Volakakis, Ed Leonard, Ed Curran, Don Hibbitt, Bill Krone, and J. J. Roberts at his new home in the "Deeep Soooth".

Thaddeus J. Lubera, AS '26, has been named superintendent of the Eighth Elementary School District. This district includes 39 schools, 29,000 pupils, and more than 700 teachers.

Elmer Reske, FPE '24, has been made the manager of the Cook County Inspection Bureau. Loaded down with campaign ribbons, Lt. Ed Knogring, ME '41, of the USS Chenango, dropped into the placement office.

It seems that our worries are over. Lt. Ed Bell, '43, an Air-Sea Rescue officer, and a friend of his, an electrical engineer, are conducting their own private survey in England. Topics vary from manufacturing and mining in South America to such items as engineering refresher courses to returning servicemen.

Florence Bernstein, HEc '39, is now with the Home Economics department of the Office of Price Administration.

Last Thursday evening, President Henry T. Heald spoke to 85 alumni at a dinner held at the DeSoto Hotel in St. Louis. The occasion was the St. Louis alumni semi-annual dinner.

He's still handy with his hands. Lt. Don Davidson, aboard the USS New Jersey, sent "Uncle John" Schommer a very large handmade Christmas card. He is assistant fire marshal aboard the "battlewagon."

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

As a final word, the only thing that I can criticize is the fact that they do not always play music when the civilians are in the cafeteria at 11 o'clock. If Rho Epsilon could possibly schedule music at this time, then I would really call it a job well done.

J. S

Co-op Asks for Help

Yes, the Co-op is ineffective. I have watched it deteriorate steadily since I became connected with it five semesters ago. The reason, however, is not lack of management.

The Co-op Bookstore, as everyone knows, is unlike a business organization in several respects. Perhaps it is a cross between a business and a school activity. However, as a school activity, it needs the support of the students or it cannot function effectively. Anyone connected with the Co-op realizes that the present difficulty in which the Co-op finds itself is not due to its lack of competent management or intelligent planning—it is due to lack of manpower.

We have plans for enlargement of stock, more efficient ordering, perhaps even a better location; but unless we have student support, we, like other student activity in the same position, will fail.

I would like to make an appeal to all students, especially the freshmen and sophomores, to come up to the Co-op, find out what it stands for and what its functions are, and then decide whether you would like to make it one of your school activities. If only fifteen students would volunteer two hours a week, the Co-op would again become efficient. The system is there, only the manpower is lacking. The situation can be likened to a car in perfect order, but which has run out of gas. All we need is about thirty hours of "gas" and we can go to town. What do you say!

Bob Kovnat
Vice President
Engineers Co-op, Inc.

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

How do you plan to spend your Christmas vacation?

RICHARD MINDES, Freshman Mechanical: My Christmas vacation is already planned. I am going to work during the day at my Saturday job all week, and I'll try to catch up on my back homework in the evenings. This week's vacation is a blessing. It will give me a chance to finish up my school work and start out the New Year with a clean slate.

SOL YANOFF, Sophomore Civil: My vacation is going to be one of complete relaxation from scholastic activities. I have notified my parents that they will not see much of me during the Christmas vacation. I'm just going AWOL, a wolf on the loose. Seriously though, I intend to read at least one popular novel and catch up on some lost sleep.

ERNEST HAMILTON, Freshman Civil: My Christmas vacation will be spent with crowded hours. I'll start out the first day by doing my Christmas shopping. Then I'll relax for one day, on Christmas, and then start catching up on my homework. Catching up on my homework should be a big enough job to keep me occupied during the whole week, and I'll try to see my girl a couple of times.

BOB MARTIN, Freshman Electrical: Christmas is on Monday, so I'll naturally loaf. Tuesday and Wednesday, I'll clean the house (paint the kitchen). Thursday, Friday, Saturday, I'll see my friends. Sunday the house will be wrecked because of the party. Monday, I hope I can loaf. In between comes the homework, I hope. In short that's a well planned schedule, I think. The possibility of my staying with this schedule is as slight as my going on a date with Snow White; but I can dream, can't I?

JIMMIE CLARIZIO, Freshman Mechanical: During my Christmas vacation I plan to see my girl at least once a day. Since I've been at IIT, I have only been able to see her once a week. Of course I'll have to keep up with my studying, so that I'll be able to start off even on the New Year. My hopes are that my studying during the holidays will bring up my average and that extra time with the girl friend will bring us closer together.

ROBERT MISCH, Senior Chemistry Major: The coming Christmas vacation is one week which I have been looking forward to for a long time. I am not totally concerned with the free time alone, however, since Christmas itself and the holiday spirit have always meant a lot to me. I do not intend to go out on either Christmas day or the day after, but to enjoy myself at home. Then, I intend to go to a lot of movies and do some very light reading. It has been a long time since I read any pulp thrillers, and I feel it would do me some good. I also expect to be busy building models for my little brother and helping him with his music lessons, chores that I have sadly neglected.

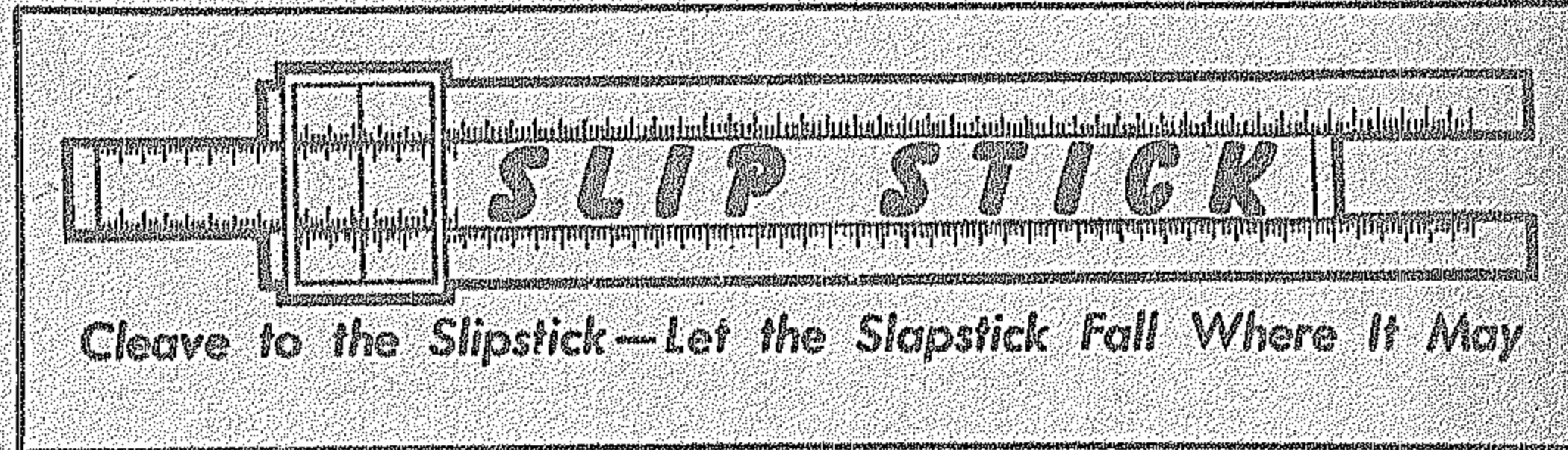
Many students say that they intend to catch up on their sleep, but I would be too worried about losing some of that precious vacation time. If possible, I will put the school completely out of mind until New Year's day, when I will again pull out the old books. I hope that most of the instructors make a point to assign no work over the vacation. I personally know that many students will be doing make-up work as it is.

In more than one way, the vacation will be a boon to me. It will give me time to write some letters and also to build up a gas supply.

—LEONARD BROWN

Dames' Notes

A/S ROY CHURAN of Quarters #6 used to raise mice when he was in high school. He sold them to his fellow students. Roy claims that he started with two mice and ended up with a business... SAM KARLIN, mathematics instructor, who graduated from high school in 1942, is now working for his master's degree in mathematics. He received his BS last February... The father of MILAN VOYVODICK, freshman civil, is in the service of the Yugoslavian state department in Chicago... DON PARKER, junior mechanical, has completed 128 hours of flying... ROBERT LOOMIS, sophomore fire protect, is earning his way through college by playing the saxophone for a dance band... Besides HANK KOZI and his twin brother, there is also a set of older twin brothers in the Koci family.



I hope that your Christmas vacation will be enjoyable and that the New Year will be prosperous and lucky for all. I would like to pass on to all of you the "Seasons Greetings."

Nancy: I've seen black eyes like that before Hank, but what I can't get over is that nose.

Hank: That's because the bridge is broken.

—IIT—

"How's your daughter's golf?"

"She says she is going around in less and less each week."

"I don't doubt that, but I asked about her golf."

—IIT—

Jones isn't pleased. He's got twins and he only wanted one child."

"Well, what do you expect? He married a telephone girl, and they always give the wrong number."

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Coach: "Bob, you see this center? I want you to go in and watch him." In less than a minute the center shot two successive baskets, whereupon the coach yanked Bob and said, "I told you to watch him."

Bob: "I did, and he sure has a nice hook shot."

—IIT—

"Hello, is this the City Gas Works?"

"I'm sorry, but this is the Law Department of IIT."

"Gosh, I didn't miss it by much at that."

—IIT—

"Say Art, I've heard a new joke and can't remember if I used it in the 'Slipstick.'"

"Is it funny?"

"Yes."

"Then you haven't."

—IIT—

Did you say you wanted a window or a widow?

Doesn't make any difference. When I get near either of them, I always look out.

—IIT—

"Thanks for the lift," said the woman as she climbed out of the plastic surgeon's chair.

—IIT—

"Son, I don't want to see you going around with that wild girl any more."

"Aw heck, she ain't wild. Anyone can pet her."

—IIT—

A sophisticated girl is one who knows how to refuse a kiss without being deprived of it.

—IIT—

Parson: "Do you know where bad little girls go?"

Sally: "Of course I do. They go down to the railroad station to see the traveling salesman come in."

—IIT—

When you're out New Year's Eve, bear in mind that a girl is like a cigar. You can't tell if they're good or bad until after they're lit up.

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

V-12 VETS

A/S Witold Kosicki

When I asked Witold Kosicki, of Quarters #5, for something for "V-12 Vets" he replied, "I haven't done anything but sail around." As he told his story, however, this reply turned out to be a masterpiece of understatement.

Kosicki enlisted in the Navy in April, 1940. Instead of going to a regular "boot" camp, he went through "boots" aboard the USS Dubuque, an old gunboat that operated on Great Lakes. Upon completion of this training, Kosicki, as a fire controlman striker, went to San Diego to the USS Crane, a destroyer. The Crane, an ancient "tin-can" that had been cut down from a four-stacker to a three-stacker to a two-stacker, operated out of San Diego on the "Neutrality Patrol," a patrol of the west coast of the United States.

In May of 1941 "Wit" went to soundman's school and learned to operate the various instruments used to detect submarines. He then went back to the Crane, which was now acting as a convoy and an escort ship. The Crane's convoy duty was submarine protection between the United States and Hawaii. While on one of these trips, a sub was located and bombed, but apparently escaped. Anyhow, the Crane didn't receive credit for sinking it.

While on the Hawaii-U.S. trip, Wit was operating the sound equipment and picked up a submarine. The Crane dropped a depth charge and got this one, officially. On this same trip the Crane rescued a naval flier from the "drink." He turned out to be one of Wit's high school classmates.

According to Wit, "There's nothing like the rugged life on an old tin-can. It's nothing like the easy life on a battleship." This remark was aimed at Joe Hardman, who was "helping" Kosicki with his story. Hardman added, "Kosicki was a fire controlman; and so many fellows think that he worked in the engine room that you had better tell them that a fire controlman directs gun fire, torpedoes, and depth charges, works range finders and synchronizes the equipment of the armament." Kosicki, who lives in Detroit, has a hash mark for his recently completed enlistment. In his naval service, he also has earned the American and Pacific-Asiatic campaign bars, the National Defense bar with a star, and the Good Conduct Award.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

The "Dames Ball" given by the Mortar Board, an honorary on the campus of the University of Indiana, was the scene of several unusual corsages. The coeds, who undertook to perform the traditional male functions such as obtaining the dates, purchasing the bid, buying the corsage, etc., let their imagination run wild. The most extreme floral pieces were a pair of earmuffs covered with flowers; a posie covered halo topped by an electric light; and a nosegay of baby rattles.

South Dakota State is to have a "pin-up" boy. In keeping with the manpower shortage, coeds will submit pictures of boy friends, brothers and fiances who are in the armed forces. Selection of the "pin-up" will be made by a committee comprised of two women and two men. The men will attempt to judge the contestants on "true manly beauty".

A unique ceremony that is a tradition at Grinnell college is the "Yule Log Ceremony". At the Yule Dinner, the Yule log is lighted from the embers of last year's Yule log. The present Yule log will be kept until next year, when the ceremony will be repeated.

Final proof that women are more trouble than men comes from the Iowa State teachers college via their paper, "The College Eye". This comes from an old janitor on the campus who said, "It's a lot tougher on us janitors with so many men gone. They're just about half as much trouble as those women who cannot seem to remember that you can't unlock a locker when you lock it with the key inside." He also claimed that his job would really be tough if he had to keep track of all the purses and lipstick he finds. He ended his judgment with, "But don't think for a minute that I don't like it. I sure wouldn't have worked here for 23 years if I hadn't."

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL