

COMPLETES COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Immoral Humor

There is a situation on the Armour campus that has existed for too long a time. I have been holding in on speaking on this subject since the start of the semester, hoping that I might find a satisfactory solution myself.

A Look At Alumni

Eustace Vynne, CE '10, has been appointed to the management of the West Coast district for the Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation. He entered the radio merchandising field in 1929 and during the succeeding years he was extremely active in territorial and district management.

"They got a little guy 4'1", and he and I are the laugh of the company when we walk next to each other," states John Sachs, '46. "Long John" also stated that the sergeant told the little fellow that when he goes into battle that he should go along with Sachs. The reason being that the enemy would shoot at the "big guy" and watch the little one run.

William Kauffmann, ME '26, has been appointed as assistant to the chief engineer in charge of Diesel engine development for Mack Trucks, Inc. In his new capacity, Kauffmann will supervise the truck firm's greatly enlarged facilities for Diesel research and development.

Lt. Muriel Osborne McIntire, HE '38, is a hospital dietitian in the AAF regional hospital at Scott Field, Illinois.

One of the strange customs on a small island which is near the place Lt. (j.g.) Gene Clears is stationed is the marriage ceremony. The single native girls sit on one side of an opening, and the married girls sit on the other side. Then the males just walk up to a girl and bring her to the side of the married ones. This automatically makes the couple married. According to Gene, this system will put Crown Point, Indiana, off the map in a few years.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

What I refer to are the "antics" and immoral type of "humor" evidenced by some of the supposedly "intelligent" members of the student body. The greater percentage of these "pranksters" are Navy (?) men (?). It is more or less understood that these fellows are training as future officers, and are supposed to conduct themselves as gentlemen. Evidently they feel that there is no restriction in matters where they are concerned. They find it most amusing to display their poor sense of humor by penning choice, and insulting, remarks on homework papers that are being returned. One could overlook their overdeveloped childishness in that respect, only some in their midst seem to think that they are blessed with an artistic strain. (Strain is right—it must have taken all the ingenuity they possess to sketch what they do.) Quite often it is necessary to sketch a problem in reference to that problem, and when these brain-children see the sketch, their imagination knows no bounds. What they "doodle" is representative of the type of art that one might expect a hobo or barfly or habitue of burlesque theatres to be familiar with most. If you received your papers back in a similar condition in which I get mine, doubtless you would be as shocked and humiliated as I.

It's hard to understand why my money and my efforts should be acceptable to the adults of the Institute, who surely have more judgment in most matters, and yet the younger people, who could be expected to have a more amiable attitude toward another student, are the ones who try desperately to make life miserable. I came to Illinois Tech because I believed it was an excellent school, but, even though the staff and everything are still up to par, the conduct of certain student members are tearing down the Institute's good reputation.

A very disappointed junior.

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

Once again Indiana University comes through! Several times previous I have mentioned dances given by I. U. that were unusual either from the standpoint of character or name. This time it's the "Hangover Hop." Unusual in name, it is also unique in action. It will be an informal "stag and drag shindig" that will violate Emily Post's code of etiquette in that girls may choose their partners "whenever the spirit moves them."

Chicago Teachers College is participating in a campaign worthy of note. This campaign, fostered by the "Chicago Four Year College Committee" composed of students from Chicago's junior colleges and neighboring universities, aims to provide for capable Chicago students a free four-year college education. The committee points out that if New York, Detroit, Wichita, and Toledo are able to provide such training, why cannot Chicago, the second largest city in the United States?

Via the "South Dakota Collegian" we learn that the students of South Dakota State College will give a dance to be called the "Puff Pant Ball." To quote the Collegian: "There will be no shortage of men at this ball, because one girl in each couple will don men's attire and seek the date of her (or rather his) choice. So gals had better have a powder puff handy 'cause there will be 'men' actually wanting DATES. And 'men' should get those dates early because the supply is limited." Confusin' but amusin'.

The Independent Student Association of the University of Indiana has started a series of programs entitled "Meet Your Professor." These programs, designed to provide closer contact between the professors of the university and the students, consist of informal talks, debates, and discussions by various faculty members.

A group of male students on the University of Chicago campus recently challenged the females of the school to a snowball fight. Some of the harder girls did show up, and after a skirmish the boys had to call a truce. They were evidently overawed by the superior physical prowess of the femmes.

Certain of the students residing at the University of Chicago placed signs stating "Sleeping Room? Vacancy" in their dormitory windows. Responses came very quickly, for the signs were removed in a few days.

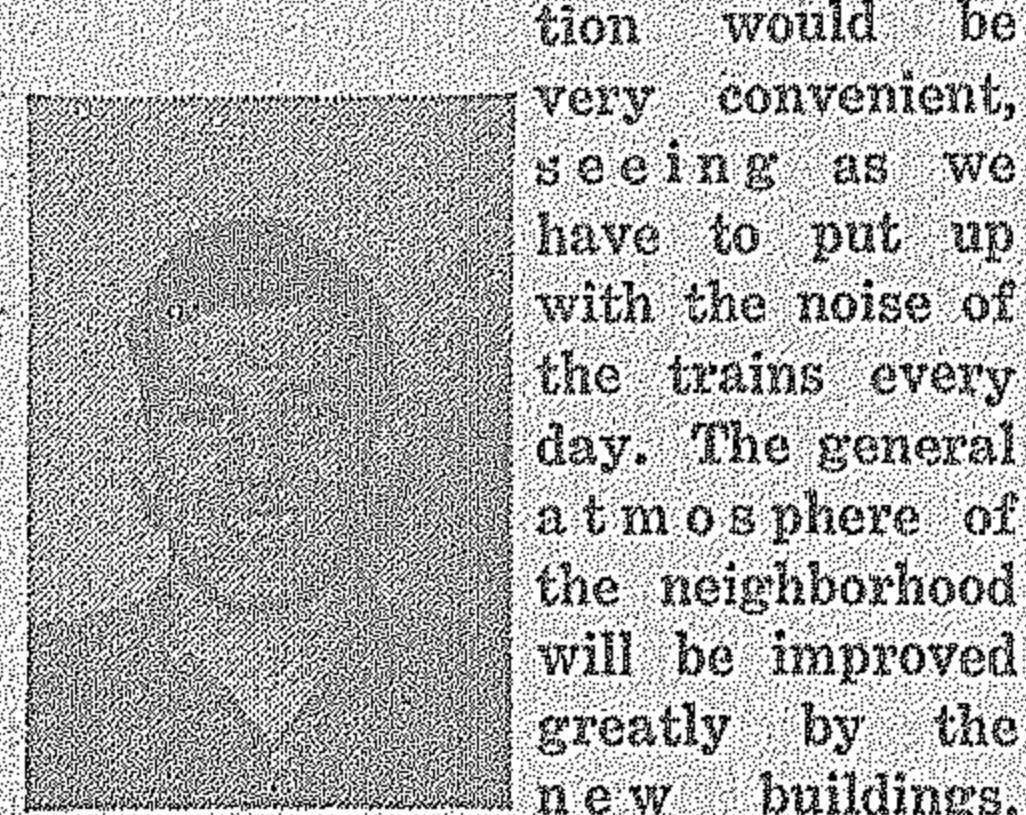
—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

I.I.T. Inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

What would you like to see done first when construction begins on the new campus?

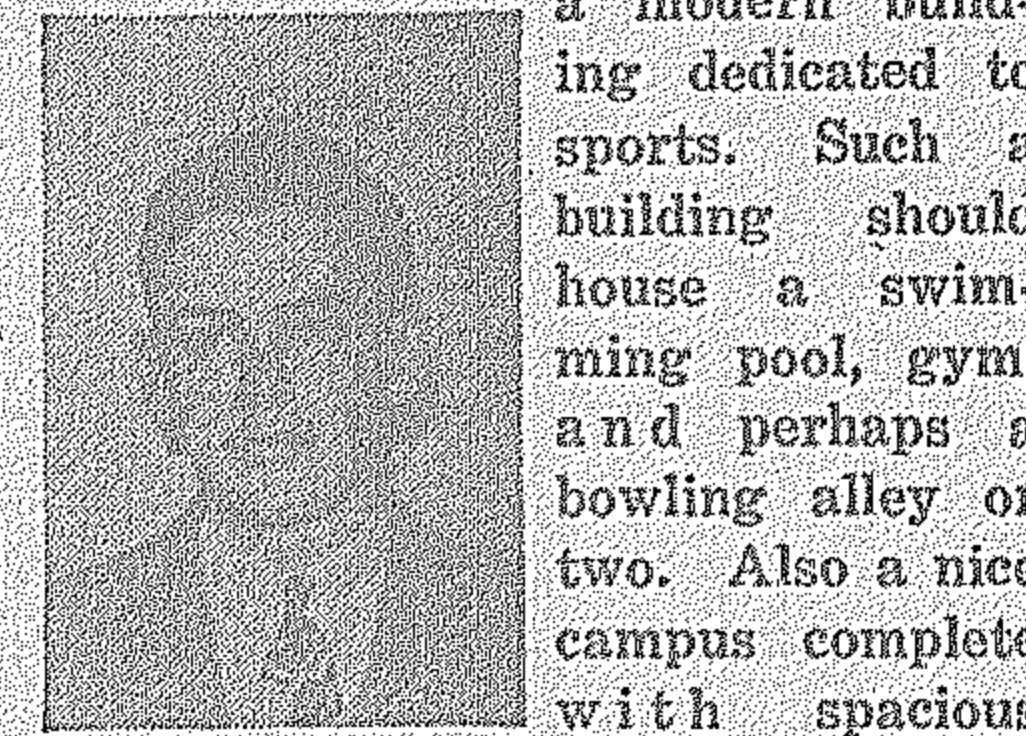
EDWARD A. NITZKI, Freshman Electrical: A Rock Island train station would be



very convenient, seeing as we have to put up with the noise of the trains every day. The general atmosphere of the neighborhood will be improved greatly by the new buildings, but the surrounding houses will ruin the appearance of the new buildings. The installation of a varsity football team would be greatly appreciated by the students.

A/S JAMES W. NORTON, Junior Mechanical: First of all I would like to see a good Student Union Building completed—one that students could be proud of. I think that a good SU along with good facilities for athletics would bring out the much discussed school spirit. This is not only my opinion but that of many navy students.

ROBERT STEVENS, Freshman, Industrial Engineering: I believe I would like to see a modern building dedicated to sports. Such a building should house a swimming pool, gym, and perhaps a bowling alley or two. Also a nice campus complete with spacious lawns and trees.



This would be a nice setting for relaxation between and after our classes in new and modern classrooms.

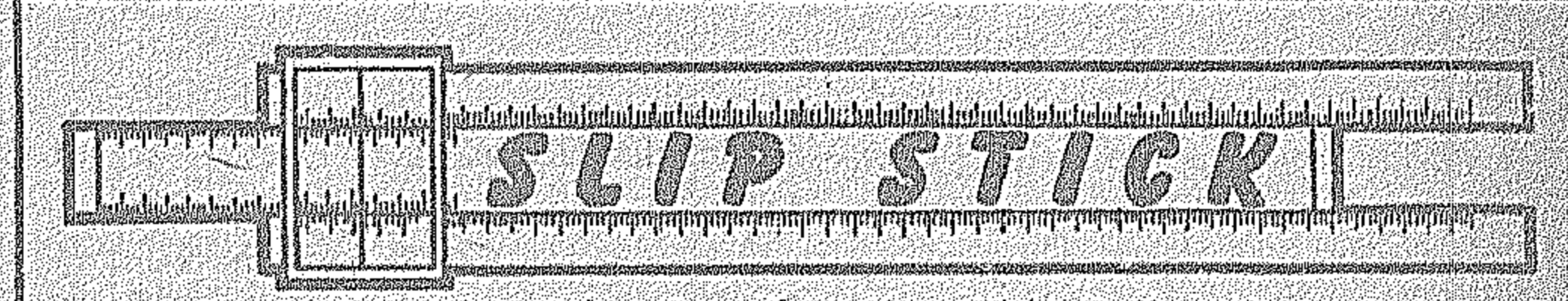
A/S RALPH T. HUFT, Senior M.E.: In my opinion this school needs development in its recreational facilities. In other words, a new lounge, game room and even a music room should be first on the list. Of course, a general clean-up of the neighborhood would help a great deal. The frat houses are in poor condition and with a new campus, the living conditions for the students should also be improved. A new gymnasium and field house is also an integral part of any college.

JACK NIESEN, Freshman Mechanical: I would like to see plans made for the construction of a Rock Island passenger station. I'm sure this would be appreciated by those students living on the south side. It would cut the traveling time in half, giving the students more time for rest or study at home. It would also help those students going to the loop.

—LEONARD BROWN

NAME'S NOTE

ED SHORE, junior chemistry major, worked as a butcher for three years. . . LILLIAN HANESETS, secretary to the mathematics department, is taking a first semester course in English. . . A/S TOM BURT, sophomore electrical, was a drum major for four years while in high school. . . JOANNE JENKINS, queen of the 1943 Integral Dance, was recently elected queen of the Northwestern University Navy Ball. . . PROFESSOR PHIL HUNTLY, chairman of the civil engineering department, was center on the 1909 University of Arkansas football team, which was champion of the South that year. . . A/S CARL SMITH owns a wool company in the roaring town of Delphos, Ohio. . . Navy men LEONARD VOGT, GALE PARRISH, THOMAS LECHNER and MAURICE ANTHONY all hold appointments to Annapolis, which they can use at any time in the near future.



I had a talk with Jean about the future. She claims that she won't have much trouble adjusting herself to post war conditions, because she always liked men, even as civilians. She likes me from the bottom of her heart, but that still leaves a lot of room for others, on top. She says, to love one man is like always eating the same food. I can't get very far with Jean; she claims that I remind her of a sugar stalk: sweet but unrefined. I enjoy getting her sore because later on we kiss and make up. She gets the kiss, and I get the make up.

—IIT—

Junior: "These pants you bought me are tighter than skin."

Mother: "Why do you say that? You know it isn't so."

Junior: "Well, I can sit down in my skin, but I can't sit down in these pants."

—IIT—

"Been living next to lovers' lane for two years but now we're going to move."

"Trouble with the landlord?"

"No, but we're getting tired of having six or seven girls come to the door each night, asking to use the phone to call a taxi."

—IIT—

A professor says: if you make out your income tax correctly, you go to the poor house; if you don't, you go to jail.

—IIT—

The present emergency will produce opportunity for women to prove their worth. In industry they can equal the men and on the stage they can outstrip them.

—IIT—

Budd: "You know I could die for your sake."

Nina: "You're always saying that, but you never do it."

—IIT—

Diesel Dan says that a miss in the car is worth two in the engine.

—IIT—

"Are you going to wear the cor-sage I sent?"

"I'm going to wear nothing else but."

"Gosh—where will you pin it?"

—IIT—

Asylum Warden: "If we give you your freedom will you leave liquor and women alone?"

Inmate: "I sure will."

Warden: "In that case you'll have to stay here. You're still crazy."

—IIT—

Most factories prohibit the wearing of sweaters, because if a sweater is too loose it catches in too many machines, while if it is too tight it catches too many eyes.

—IIT—

Would it be right to say of the college grad who married a rich widow, that he made a fortune?

—IIT—

"You'll never find diamonds growing on trees, but you will see them on the right kind of limbs."

—CHET PACHUCKI

V-12 VETS

A/S MILTON ERNST

Milton Ernst, of Quarters 6, carries more battle stars than any other man in the IIT V-12 unit. He has eight stars on his Pacific-Asiatic ribbon and one on his American Defense ribbon. Milton, whose home is in Buffalo, Minnesota, is an electrical engineering major.

Ernst enlisted in the navy in December of 1940 and took his "Boots" at Great Lakes. Upon completion of "Boots," Ernst, as an apprentice seaman, went to electrician's mate service school at Detroit to study diesel electrics and their operation. In September of 1941 he went to San Diego and shipped out to Pearl Harbor on the USS Saratoga as a S 2/C. At "Pearl" Milt saw the United States battle fleet lined up for action. When he returned three days after the Japs' attack, the ships were lined up a little differently.

From Pearl Harbor, where he was made fireman 2/C, Ernst went to Wake, and then to Midway where the carrier left planes to reinforce the island. He later returned to Midway to participate in the Battle of Midway where he made E. M. 3/C. Ernst then embarked on a seventy-five day cruise that ended at the Battle of Guadalcanal in August of 1942. In September of '42 Milt made E. M. 2/C.

The next eleven months for Ernst consisted of Murda Point, a raid on Rabaul, a raid on Truk, and the Battles of the Marshall Islands and Tarawa. In June of '43 Milt made E. M. 1/c.

In December of 1943 his ship put in at San Diego and Ernst spent his first Christmas in the States in two years. In January of 1944 Milt got his orders for V-12 and came back to the States. He went home for the first time in more than three years. His first station before coming to IIT was the University of Minnesota.

One incident that Milt claims he will never forget happened in the Coral Sea when the British aircraft carrier Victorious nearly rammed his ship, the Saratoga. He was aft, sitting in the fantail on a ramp. The weather was fairly foggy when all of a sudden the black shape of the Limey carrier boomed. Said Milt, "I'll swear she didn't miss us by more than six inches!"

Ernst has a hashmark for four years' service as well as the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense ribbon and the American and Pacific-Asiatic theater ribbons.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL