

Campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Answer for Short Arm

If I were you I would be afraid to show my head around here. The joke column in any man's school, especially the engineering colleges, has always been its pride and joy. As long as schools have had papers the jokes have been a test of the school's humor and ingenuity. Many of the jokes printed in the *Technology News* have been borrowed from other similar engineering schools' publications.

A Look At Alumni

Best news of the week seems to be the release of Lt. Alice Hahn, AS, from the Santo Tomas concentration camp in Manila. Lt. Hahn, one of the 3,000 American and British internees freed, had been held prisoner since the fall of Bataan.

A luncheon for citizenship will be held March 15th, in the Georgian Room of Carson Pirie Scott & Co. The luncheon will be sponsored by alumni from Illinois Tech, Northwestern, Loyola, and the University of Chicago. The speaker at the luncheon will be Virgil Peterson of the Chicago Crime Commission.

Gerard Hollander, EE '44, is now an instructor in a newly opened Naval Radar school in California. Hollander has just returned from secret work aboard the U.S.S. Alaska.

To give Larry Nadel a little practice in the handling of his B-29, he takes such jaunts as from Omaha through Florida and then to Cuba or Puerto Rico and back again to Omaha. These non-stop trips give a small idea of the range of a B-29.

In a recent letter from Eugene Andrews comes a little note about the weather in Big Delta, Alaska. "Our weather up here has been very mild, and we have had very little snow as yet. The coldest weather we have had up to now is -47 degrees, but that isn't so cold when compared to some of the winters. The worst thing about this place is the wind, which on several occasions has gone up to 80 mph.

Compliments to John Yellott from Lt. (j.g.) Alan Mistrofsky. Alan stated that after a year of connubial bliss with an ESMWT secretary, one Shirley nee' Schulkin, he was qualified to quote that Yellott trains 'em for office and home.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

IIT Inquiring reporter

What practices and habits do teachers have that annoy you?

A/S STANFORD ABRAMOVITZ, Junior Mechanical: Some

teachers are in the habit of assuming that students understand a lecture if they do not ask questions. Sometimes, however, the material is so involved that the poor student sits there too befuddled to ask an intelligent question.

After explaining some complicated process or theory a teacher could help his students a great deal if he would point out difficulties that previous classes have had with the same material.

JERRY T. RUDMAN, Freshman Electrical: Most teachers have the habit of getting off the subject and adding to confusion of the assignment by taking the student's minds off the subject. On the whole though, I believe the teachers are quite cooperative and if anything is giving the students trouble, the teachers try their hardest to clear up the fog.

ROBERT AHLGREN, Senior Mechanical: Profs that spend all the classroom period working yesterday's homework are particularly annoying, especially when one gets home and tries to do the following day's assignment. I think a teacher should work a

representative type problem if the class had trouble with the homework, but if the teacher was a good teacher, the students should not have a great deal of trouble doing the assignment.

CHARLES BRABEC, Freshman Mechanical: Some of the teachers around here think that if the subject is easy for them it should be very simple for the student. They explain a problem and then before anyone has much of a chance to ask any questions they are started on a new topic. Most of the teachers have a bad habit of allotting a very generous quantity of homework.

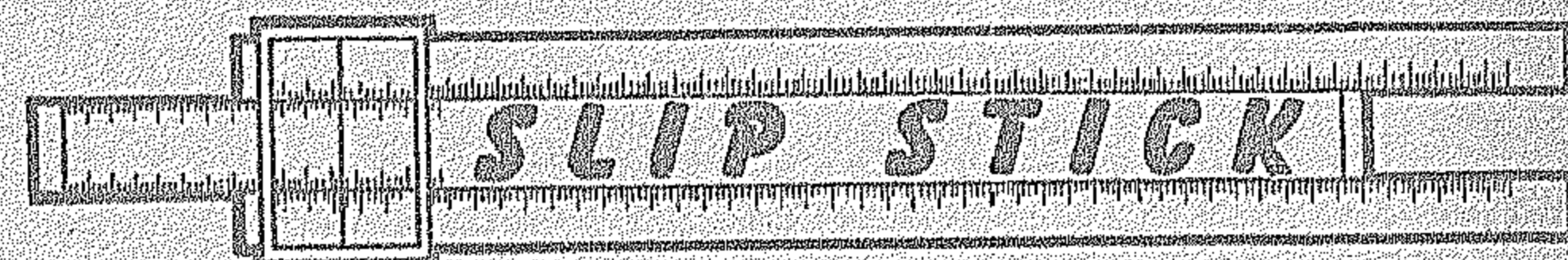
FRED PACNER, Senior Fire Protect: The main annoyance I have are teachers who appear to resent questions from students when they don't understand something. Some teachers forget they are teaching students instead of men of equal experience and knowledge.

Another source of annoyance is announced open book quizzes which turn out to be closed book quizzes.

—LEONARD BROWN

Slapstick

The faculty of IIT are graduates of more than 63 different colleges and universities... A/S WENDELL OMER played the violin with the Salt Lake Civic Orchestra at the age of 14... SAM KARLIN, mathematics instructor, was at one time the high school chess champion of Chicago... STANTON WINSTON, associate director of the mechanical engineering department, owns a farm in Colorado... LUDWIG MIES VAN DER ROHE, director of the architecture department, received his citizenship papers at the close of 1944... WALTER THORNBURG, junior mechanical engineer, is the father of a six year old boy... The new network calculator that is being installed in Main will cut the work involved in the ordinary long drawn out process from five days to five hours... DR. LESTER FORD, chairman of the mathematics department, is serving his fourth year as editor of the *American Mathematical Monthly*.



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

I really wasn't able to tell you all about Jean but she's like a tailor's iron, a little warming up and the pressing begins. You know she makes up jokes, that is she works in a beauty shop. She tells me to watch out for paint whether it's on a woman or a house. Like most girls she doesn't mind leading a dog's life as long as I pet her once in a while. In doing so she warns me to be careful because there's only a slip between the gown and the hip. Besides that, she claims that love is like working in a department store, if you don't watch your contacts you'll end up as a floor walker.

—IIT—
Budd (over phone): "Meet me in front of the Blackhawk."

Nina: "Oh gee, that's a swell place."

Budd: "Yes, and it isn't very far from where we're going."

—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—
The apple of an IIT student's eye is usually forbidden fruit.

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Dorothy: "Don't expect too much from me."

Herb: "I'm not expecting too much, but I'd like a lot more."

—IIT—
How a man feels depends a lot on how much a girl lets him.

—IIT—
She: "Well if you intend to pet me, you're going to have your hands full."

He: "I sure hope to."

—IIT—
Clothes make the man, they do little to improve the woman; in order to make the woman it takes different material.

—IIT—
Bob: "If you had your life to live over again, what would you do?"

Nancy: "The same things, only much oftener."

—IIT—
Nina: "Are you sure you love me and not just my clothes?"
Budd: "Test me, baby."

—IIT—
This concludes my stay with you, and I hope that during this time I was able to bring you a few laughs and new offerings. It's quite evident that not everyone was pleased, but like a girl I can't please everyone. To Herman and the staff, it was nice working against you. I'd like to stick around and do more, but I got a job in a stable and if I don't hurry back, my work piles up!

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

Illinois Tech Vets

Rohf. V. Simmons

Unostentatious Rohf V. Simmons claims that his short stay in the United States Navy was uneventful. However, during that seemingly short interlude Rohf became a petty officer, second class.

At the time of his enlistment Rohf was in charge of a communications office for the War Department in Mobile, Alabama. Mobile is a port of embarkation and Rohf was kept busy coding and decoding secret messages that were sent to Washington. Many important troop movements were handled through Rohf's office. Incidentally, he was the only one that had the combination to a safe whose contents were coveted by enemy agents.

Rohf was sent to New Orleans for his boot training and from there to the Ninth Naval District wire room. Here again Rohf operated the teletype and communicated important and secret naval orders.

Having passed the Eddy Test Rohf was sent to pre-radio school in Michigan City, Indiana. Being so close to Chicago Rohf had the good fortune to visit the service men's centers. According to Rohf, who is an extensive traveler, Chicago is the number one service man's haven.

Continuing his radio training, Rohf was sent to Washington, D. C. The city itself is spacious and laid out as if it were a gigantic park; however, it is somewhat overcrowded and the dense population causes considerable strain on the human endurance.

After being confined to a hospital for three months Rohf was honorably discharged. Rohf hitched a ride on a Naval Air Transport and went to his home near Mobile, Alabama.

Fondly remembering Chicago's hospitality Rohf selected IIT to give him his higher education. He hopes to become an electrical engineer and to start his own little business.

Rohf claims that he is not the South's good will ambassador and that all discussions on the Civil War should be buried once and for all.

Besides being one of the original founders of the IITV, Rohf is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He is a member of the AIEE and treasurer of the Radio Club.

—JACOB KRAMER

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

One of the unusual societies in existence comes from the University of Indiana. It's called the Hoosier Folklore Society. The members collect and publish tall tales and weird legends from this state and from many other sections of the United States.

According to the "Echo Weekly" from Milwaukee State Teachers College, pigeons there suddenly decided they wanted an education. It seems that several class rooms were invaded by these birds, and they refused to leave when the instructors tried to discourage them. The question which is now bothering the instructors is how they got into the rooms when the doors and windows were locked.

Ball State College Dramatics Club has a very unusual punishment for those who prefer coming late. It seems that every time anyone is late, the following night he or she must furnish refreshments for the entire group.

Via the DePauw we learn that the students of DePauw University had a dance called Goldiggers' night. Believe it or not the women actually took the men out. In fact they opened the doors, paid the bills and went as far as escorting the men home.

At one of the beauty contests at the University of Indiana an order came out forbidding anyone to save seats. It seems that from previous experiences some students would arrive early and save blocks of seats for their friends.

—GEORGE MARTINKO