

Campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Lewis Activity Problem

For too long a spirit of unity has been the most conspicuous absentee from Illinois Tech. The Armour end of the school has for four years been supreme, running the political and social life of the students with utter disregard for the west campus problems.

A Look At Alumni

From Lt. (j.g.) Sher came one of those comic season's greeting cards from the South Pacific.

The first page depicted a beautiful native girl with the following words, "As Hollywood sees her she really looks neat." At the bottom of the page was the word "But." However, on the second page were the following words under the picture of two other natives, "Here's how she looks with C.A.S.U. 12 in the Marianas Islands." Then came the following verse:

"In wishing you the season's cheer And the best there is for the coming year

I'd like to add this wish sincere That next Christmas, I won't be here!"

On the alert to send home souvenirs, Cpl. Jim Gobbons, '44, sent "Sonny" Weissman a FFI (French Forces of the Interior) badge. However, in order to get the badge, Jim also had to pick up the fair lass wearing the badge.

Roy S. Kercher, '36, is now the chief electrical engineer at the Gray Hill Company in La Grange, Illinois.

When Ensign Jack Byrne was transferred to the Portsmouth Navy Yard, he found that one of the men that he had to work with as a ship superintendent was Lt. Bob Schmidt, '36.

"The average Italian girl is 5' 3" —dark and buxom (and how)—appears older than her actual age—not well groomed like our girls—has about 1 year of high school—uncouth in her mannerisms—and inevitably talks with her hands along with talking of her hopes to go to America after the war!" So writes Chuck Wolff, Lewis, '37, in a recent letter. Chuck has been in Africa, England, Italy and France. His conclusion: "Our wonderful American girls are still and always will be TOPS!"

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

meetings were called at impossible times insofar as the Lewis students were concerned. Social events were planned with a possible thought for Lewis only as a revenue source from a weak sales campaign. Even *Technology News* with a compulsory journalism class ruling for reporters eliminated the west campus news.

Several reasons have been cited to explain this existing condition: the south and west campuses are too far apart; the students on either campus are not acquainted; and worst of all, the purely selfish desire for one-campus supremacy. That this need not be the case is demonstrated by the new drama club.

An article appearing in *Technology News* last week erroneously stated that Lewis coeds asked for membership in Armour Players. The truth is—they were asked. The selfish motive on the south campus was overcome when it was realized that the Lewis coeds were actually needed. It was absent from eleven girls on the west campus who waited an hour for the tardy Armour representatives.

That the students were not acquainted was remedied by one meeting, and that distance is no factor can be seen by the attendance at rehearsal held twice a week. Surely the value of a one IIT over a separate Armour and Lewis should extend beyond the political and economic motives that instigated the original consolidation and into the social and extra-curricular life of the students. The end of the merger-long feud between the south and west campuses may well begin with the inter-campus cooperation demonstrated by the new drama club.

Trent S. Knepper

Press Clippings

It was very gratifying when I noticed the bulletin board in the Student Union filled with press clippings. It had been my regular habit to read this board, but for quite a while I noticed no changes. Now again there appears to be someone promoting the many activities of IIT.

M. R.

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

What is your favorite newspaper?

BERNARD BRENNER, Freshman Electrical: My favorite paper and the one I usually read is the Chicago Sun. Its news coverage may not be as complete as that of some older papers, but it has a fine editorial policy. To convince myself of this I sometimes buy the Tribune, or read about our "Dirty Shirt Town" in the H. A.—then I put on a clean shirt and go back to the Sun.

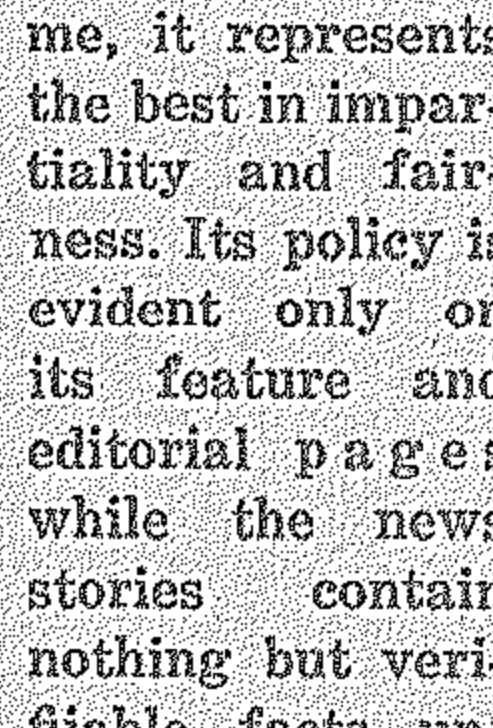
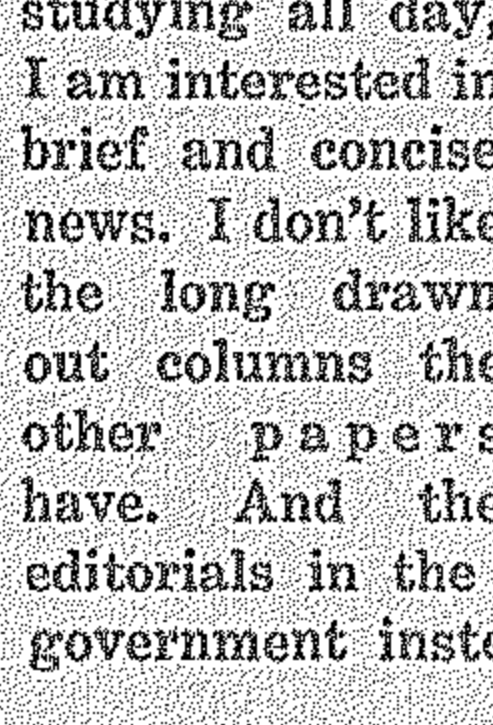
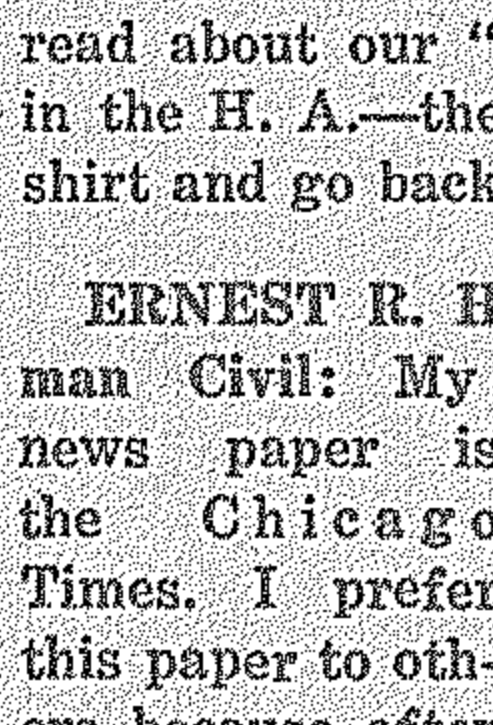
ERNEST R. HAMILTON, Freshman Civil: My favorite Chicago news paper is the Chicago Times. I prefer this paper to others because after studying all day, I am interested in brief and concise news. I don't like the long drawn out columns the other papers have. And the editorials in the Times are for the government instead of against it.

EDWARD SHORE, Junior Chem: The Chicago Tribune is my favorite newspaper. For sheer dishonesty it can't be beat. Its news is so highly colored that no paper can even compare to it. As Professor Hayakawa would say, "Its news is intentionally orientated, its connotations are on the highest level of abstraction," and that's about all I remember about English 101. Where else but in the Chicago Tribune can such fine journalism be found? Answer: The Chicago Herald.

LEONARD REIFFEL, Freshman Electrical: My favorite paper is the Chicago Sun. To me, it represents the best in impartiality and fairness. Its policy is evident only on its feature and editorial pages while the news stories contain nothing but verifiable facts unlike so many other Chicago papers. I feel that the Sun's format and type face are the clearest and most easy-on-the-eyes of any newspaper I have ever seen.

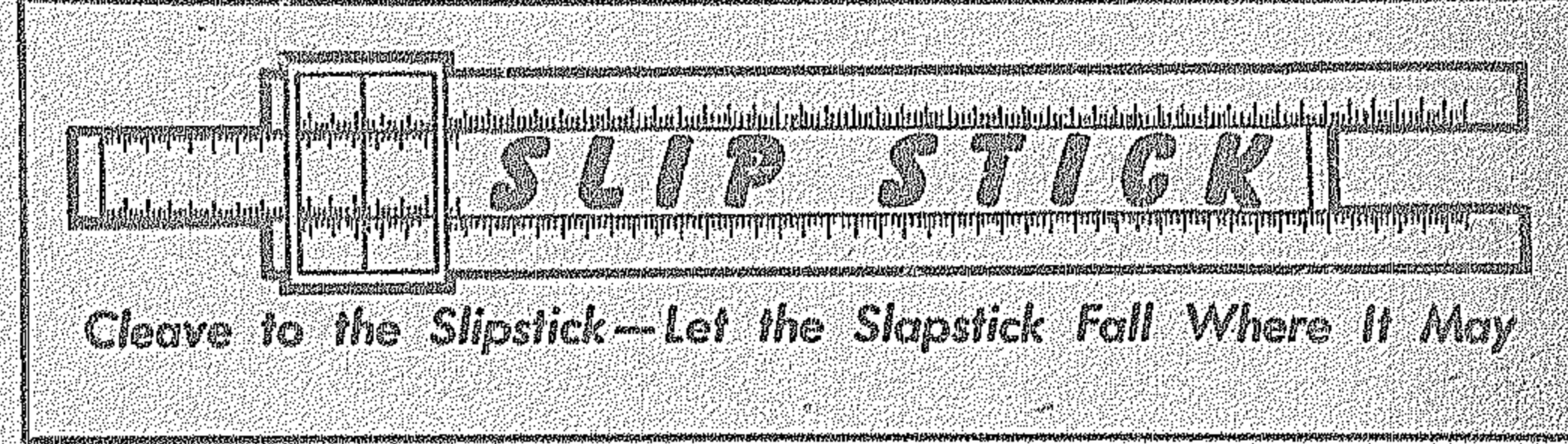
WILLIAM KERRIGAN, Sophomore Mechanical: I like the Chicago Tribune because of its funny cartoons and stories against the present administration. The paper's coverage of the battle-fronts is really good as well as its public service features. Its comics are among the best. I hope not too many D's come my way for my statement. It is the one Chicago newspaper which gives the most publicity to Illinois Tech.

—LEONARD BROWN



Name's Note

A/S WILLIAM SAYLES was the Ohio high school high-jumping champion during his high school days... ALFRED C. AMES, instructor in English is writing a book... ARTHUR G. GILES, instructor in technical drawing was a Marine captain in the last war... RUTH BODY, '44, former business and economics major and FLORENCE BARTUSEK, '44, former home economics major, are now teaching the third grade in Cicero schools... FRANK WADE, assistant professor in mechanics, once built himself a house boat on an expenditure of 25 dollars and then floated down the Mississippi River in it... DR. MYRIL B. REED of the electrical engineering department is assisted by MRS. REED in grading homework and quizzes. She has a master's degree in mathematics... ANTHONY BALINT, technical drawing professor, spent one year in charge of the erection of power plants in the Nile River Delta... LT. CMDR. THOMAS POULTER, of the Armour Research Foundation, was awarded the Congressional Medal, "for scientific accomplishment unequalled in polar exploration," for his work in the 1933-35 Byrd expedition. He acted as scientific director for the Antarctic expedition.



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

I happened to spend a few evenings at a south side emporium of dancing for the middle aged, and ever since the Senior Mechs found out about it, I've been given a good going over. It really isn't a bad spot, in fact, it has all the comforts of any upholstered sewer. Most of the girls that go there were choosey in their teens and ended up by not only holding the old bag, but by being one. They'd be marvelous dancers but for two things, their feet. You look into the eyes of some of them and it makes time stand still, that is, their face would stop a clock. If some of the girls would remove their girdles, you'd see more spread than in a broken jar of mayonnaise. They all make love like veterans, that's because they've been through so many engagements. The best part of it is that they never put off 'till tomorrow the joy-ride they could have today.

—IIT—

I had sworn to be a bachelor; She had sworn to be a bride. But I guess you know the answer; She had nature on her side.

—IIT—

Thanks to an informer I have received an answer to the tricky riddle of last week. Surprising as it may seem it's the letter "L", what do you know!

—IIT—

Pin up: How do you like my new sweater? Take down: I don't think it's new, it looks to me as tho' it had been hung up twice.

—IIT—

Mother: Why is your right shoe muddy and not your left? Daughter: I changed my mind.

—IIT—

Then, of course, there was the girl fiddler who kissed her violin good-night and took her bow to bed with her.

—IIT—

"Isn't this resort a good place for men to come to who have asthma?"

"Yes, the girls are so dumb they can't tell it from passion."

—IIT—

At a Chicago restaurant a sad man was waiting for his order. Finally the waiter approached and said, "Your fish will be coming in a minute or two, now."

"That's fine, but tell me, what are you using for bait?"

—IIT—

IIT Professor: "Once and for all, I demand to know who is the master in this house?"

Mrs. S. W.: "You'll be happier if you don't find out."

—IIT—

This game of love would be a lot more fun if every girl didn't make her own rules.

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

V-12 VETS

A/S Charles Hatstat

On Christmas Day of 1943, Charles Hatstat, of Quarters 6, received a unique gift. It was an appointment to V-12. He was stationed at the New Hebrides on a battleship at the time.

Hatstat enlisted in the Navy in March of 1941 and "boots" at Newport, Rhode Island. He was only an apprentice seaman, that rate being given to men who had just completed "boots."

During this time his ship was cruising the East coast on patrol. She was at Norfolk, Virginia on Pearl Harbor Day. From Norfolk Hatstat went to Scappa Flow, Scotland, to run convoys from Iceland to Murmansk.

On one of these trips the English battleship King George, running ahead of his ship, by some maneuver cut an English "tin can" in half. His battlegon passed over the spot where the stern half of the "can" had sunk. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion under the fantail of the ship. At the time the crew thought that the ship had been hit by a torpedo, but it later developed that the depth charges contained in the stern half of the sunken English destroyer had been exploded by the pressure as she sank.

Hatstat set sail for the South Pacific to New Caledonia. In November of 1942 he went to "lend a helping hand" to the South Dakota, another battleship, at Guadalcanal. After this campaign, in May of '43, "Chuck" was made E. M. 2/C. His ship operated out of the New Hebrides until November, '43, when she went to the Central Pacific to participate in the Gilbert Islands—Tarawa battles. Upon return to her New Hebrides base, she bombarded the Jap supply base at Nauru.

However, instead of being transferred to a ship that was returning to the U. S., Chuck remained aboard his battlegon and then went to Truk to participate in the bombardment of that island. The ship started back for the New Hebrides three times but each time turned back while "Chuck" was "chewing his fingernails up to the elbow." Finally, on January 9, he was transferred to a supply ship that returned him to the States.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

When the war in Europe ends, Mundelein College in Chicago will be ready with a celebration. If victory in Europe is announced on a school day the entire student body will assemble in the auditorium where religious services will be held. After the services classes will be dismissed for the day.

An interesting human interest story lies back of Opera Star Marjorie Lawrence's comeback. Miss Lawrence, who sang at the University of Indiana's Christmas program, was stricken with infantile paralysis about three years ago while rehearsing for "Die Walkure." Although everyone, except Miss Lawrence, thought her career was cut tragically short, she made a determined effort to continue her stage career, even though she had lost the use of both her limbs.

The University of Indiana is one of 83 institutions of higher learning enabling service men to continue and complete their education while in the armed services. This service, available to soldiers, sailors, marines, and coast guardsmen at rates much less than those charged civilians, enables men in uniform to obtain credit for college degrees and, in some cases, to complete secondary school education.

From Iowa State Teachers College via "The College Eye", campus sheet of that school, we learn the origin of the tradition of mistletoe. It seems that the son of the Goddess of Love and Beauty was killed by an arrow of mistletoe. The gods brought him back to life but decreed that mistletoe must never again be used as an object of mischief! So be careful; you may be offending the gods!

Via the "Kentucky Kernel", newspaper of the University of Kentucky, comes this interesting incident in the life of a senior co-ed of Wayne University at Detroit. The co-ed, a normal student, was instructing an eight grade journalism class on the art of interviewing when a question arose as to the length of the finished article. Apparently her training at Wayne placed her in good stead because she replied, "Long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting—just like a woman's skirt." And then, too late, she remembered she was a teacher.

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL