

COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Favors Physical Training For All

Six months ago, I left IIT at the behest of Uncle Sam. In a few weeks my class will graduate without me and might think my natural feeling would be one of bitterness toward the war and the world in general for interrupting my education.

A Look At Alumni

Lt. (j.g.) Herb Hansen, stationed in Australia on submarine duty, is slowly waiting for his hair to grow back after having crossed the "line" in the traditional navy manner. Herb claims to have the kangaroos jumping after he learned to play some jazz numbers on his accordion.

Future alumnus: Robert Himman, Jr., son of Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Himman. Bob is an EE of the class of '42.

Ensign Chuck Rowbotham feels right at home in Camp Bradford. The following ensigns also have the same address at that navy amphibious center: Tom Costello, Burt Snyder, Vernon Robbins, and Howard Johnson.

Well at least one engineer is learning about liberal arts. Henry Dirksen ChE, '44, in order to see his one and only during the week ends, has to write her papers about English, history, botany, and general themes. The only thing left for our radioman to do is to study his code at the University of Wisconsin.

From Ensign Claude Anderson comes the word that after being in England, he can really balance a tea cup on his knees in the best of style at his new station in Boston.

Jack Eulitt considers himself quite lucky to help unload his ship in the 105 temperature at Bahrain Island, Arabia. After all, this was during the winter season. During the summer the temperature is about 130-140 degrees.

Lt. Dan Koplovitz, '42, was recently commended for his recent participation in the "greatest Allied air onslaught of the war". The action was when more than 3,000 Allied fighters and bombers attacked marshalling yards and oil centers in Germany.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

To start the New Year off right students at the University of Kentucky recently made resolutions. Via the "Kentucky Kernel," campus paper of University of Kentucky we find that some of them are: "Not to fall asleep in class"; "To quit smoking"; "Not to get drunk until Saturday night"; "Not to crack a single book—just scratch the surface"; "Not to fall for anymore lines"; "To wolf as many men as possible". The general feeling was however, "New Year's Resolutions just ain't no good—they're bound to be broken before the year gets a good start anyway".

An old campus tradition, the "University Sing", is to be revived at the University of Indiana. All housing organizations, such as fraternities, sororities, etc., will participate in the Sing, abandoned temporarily almost two years ago. The "University Sing", sponsored by the Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A., will be non-competitive for the duration of the war.

Unusual in the way of dances comes this idea from the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College. It's called a "Sock Dance" and was given to raise funds for the college year book. However, the idea was not to "sock" the guests for donations. As they entered the door guests were requested to check their shoes with their coats and dance in their stocking feet! From all reports the dance went over with a bang.

Valparaiso University, with an eye on the future, has added a course entitled "European Peace Movements and Treaties". The course, to be taught by the head of the history department, will deal with peace problems to be faced in providing a truly working peace after the present conflict has ended.

A new way of passing finals comes from Ball State Teachers College. It seems that a certain campus idol, "Bennie," receives pennies and kisses for good luck on the exams the next day. And the procession during which "Bennie" receives his tribute is called the "Pajama Parade."

—A/S ALLAN KUKRAL

inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

What new scientific developments will have the biggest influence in your post-war plans?

BOB KOVNAT, Senior Mechanical: The German rocket bombs in my opinion will have a profound influence on post-war travel and communication. The tremendous advances made in the field of rocket-propelled projectiles will probably not be fully revealed by the Germans



until the war is over. However, the main effect these developments will have will be on social thinking and the attitude toward war in America.

GEORGE WILMSEN, Senior Chemical Engineer: Jet propulsion gets my vote as the development in science which will cause the most radical changes in our post-war lives.

The rocket principle upon which it is based will find many new applications in starting, propelling and even stopping vehicles of all descriptions.



RICHARD LUND, Sophomore Civil: The scientific developments that will most influence my life after the war providing that I am lucky enough to graduate will be the improvement of civil engineering equipment, such as better transits and other surveying equipment.



plane transportation of engineers from place to place, and better ways of blasting and removing rock from construction places, will also be important developments.

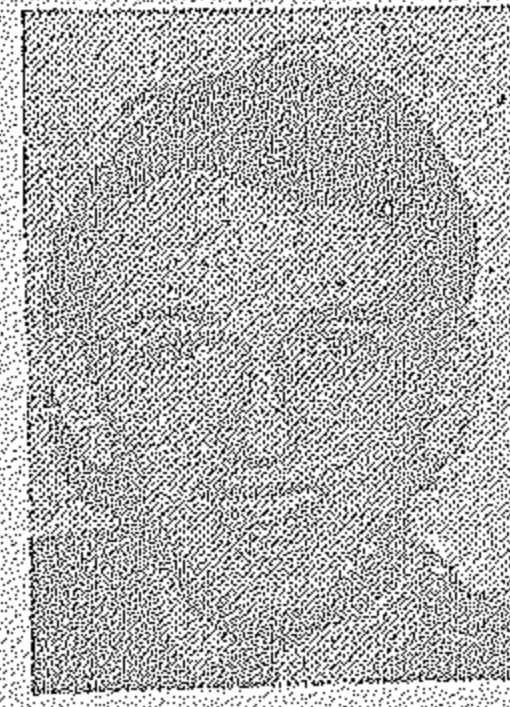
JERRY KANTER, Sophomore Chemical: A discovery for the use of cholesterol seems to be the most promising and influential factor for my post-war plans.

As yet chemistry has not favored any real beneficial use for the inert cholesterol. However, the compound has proven to be a detriment in medical science. I believe there may be a possibility for chemistry to use cholesterol in its synthesis of hormones and vitamins due to its closely related structure of the latter.



BERNARD KARSH, Sophomore Electrical: The developments and devices in ultra-high frequency radio will prove to have a tremendous influence in my post-war plans.

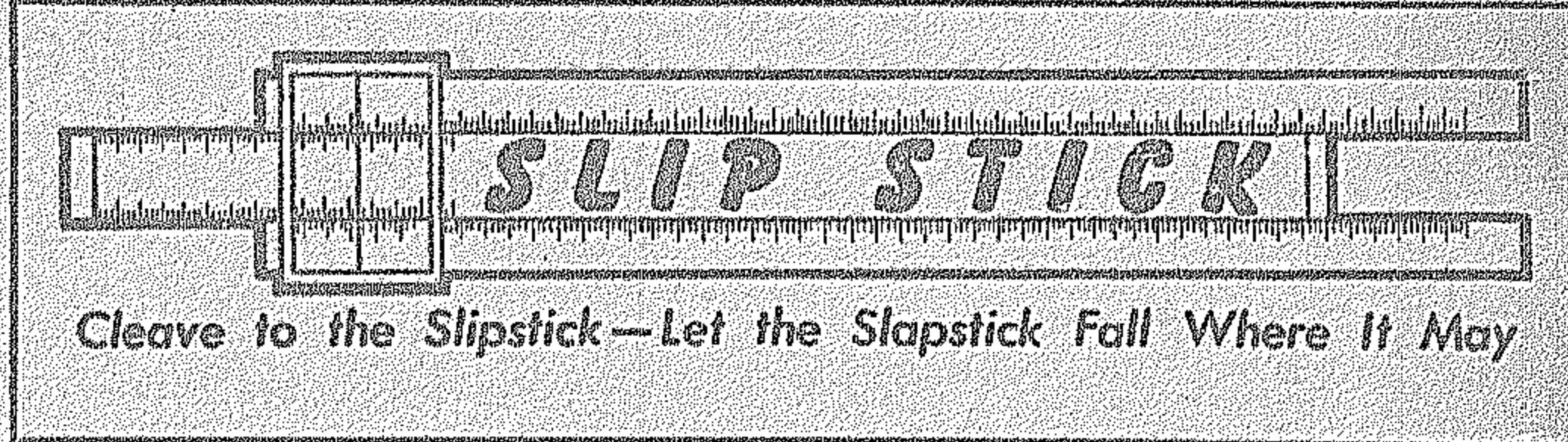
During my army service, I worked a great deal with ultra-high and microwave circuits, many of which have a future in applications in our post-war everyday lives.



—LEONARD BROWN

Slapstick

L. W. FISHER, junior mechanical, is a night clerk in a Joliet Hotel. R. A. BUDENHOLZER, professor of mechanical engineering, lived for five years in a log cabin which was fifteen miles from the nearest town and forty miles from a railroad. DR. FRIEDRICH RICHTER, professor of modern languages, was a member of the Storm Troopers before he left Germany. WALTER HENDRICKS, head of the department of language and literature, owns a farm in Vermont.



I haven't been seeing Jean, of late, because she's taking music lessons again. She claims that she plays the piano, only to kill time, once you've heard her play, you'll agree she certainly picked a fine weapon. She plays everything in a haunting manner, that is, there's a ghost of resemblance to the original air. The night she gave her first recital, the music really filled the hall, in fact, a lot of people were leaving to make more room for it. She's been rather sore at me because I sent her an axe with an attached note saying, "try this on your piano".

—IIT—

The modern girl may go for a little petting but she shies away from guys with grasping dispositions.

—IIT—

C.P.: "Do you think I should put more fire into these pokes?"

Bob: "No, just the reverse."

—IIT—

Asylum Visitor (To inmate): "Do they have separate quarters for the men and women here?"

Nut: "Sure they do, we're not as crazy as you think we are."

—IIT—

Herb: "You've got the prettiest legs in captivity."

Dorothy: "They're not in captivity, I'm still single."

—IIT—

A few miles out of port a flapper stowaway was discovered. The captain ordered that she be taken to his cabin.

"I don't know what to do to you," he added as he questioned her.

"Say skipper," she replied, "how long have you been a sailor?"

—IIT—

Mary Lou: "I feel sick, you'll have to take me home."

Jack: "There's nothing wrong with you, you just need rest."

Mary Lou: "But look at my tongue."

Jack: "That needs rest too."

—IIT—

(Riding home with a date wearing strapless evening gown): "Say, what keeps that dress up?"

"Nothing but your backwardness."

—IIT—

"Does your husband snore in his sleep?"

"I can't tell yet, we've only been married a few days."

—IIT—

The psychology instructor says that the kind of dreams a person has depends upon which side he lies. Lawyers certainly must have mixed up dreams.

—IIT—

A girl should never worry about holding her shape, that's up to her boy friend.

—IIT—

Two men were repairing telephone wires. A woman drove by just as they started to climb the poles, to which she mumbled, "Look at those darn fools—you'd think this was the first time I drove a car."

—IIT—

"You'll not have trouble in finding out that a girl who looks like a million dollars is as equally hard to make."

—"CHET" PACHUCKI

Illinois Tech Vets

Algert Miller

It was in the crucial first year of war that Algert Miller helped defeat the Japs at Attu.

Al was inducted at Camp Grant and was sent to Camp Crowder for his basic training. From there he was appointed to the Signal Corps radio school at the University of Southern California.

While attending the school Al had the good fortune to witness the inaugural of the Hollywood Canteen. It was the opening night and many movie stars and celebrities were present.

After learning about direction finders at Port Arthur, Al was made a corporal technician and was assigned to the Field Artillery at Fort Ord.

Once while on maneuvers Al took part in an unscheduled misadventure. A culprit had slipped some putrid turkeys into the daily menu. Everyone suffered a severe case of indigestion and although they weren't wearing bobby socks many of the men swooned. The episode occurred on board ship and the dispensary was jammed.

Soon afterwards Al left for Attu. His group was the first to ever leave the States directly for combat without experiencing an intermediary training period. It was an amphibious operation and the island was taken in just 21 days.

For a while Al was the only radio operator available and consequently his duties were long and numerous. When the navy was shelling the Island Al acted as a relay between the observers and the gun crews. The observers, stationed in airplanes, would pick out enemy positions and radio Al. He in turn would notify the gun crews on the firing range.

Al landed with the invading forces and continued his duties with the Field Artillery. Al likes to point out that the Japs were not the only enemies. The men were continually subjected to the elements. It was intensely cold and it seemed that it was always raining or snowing. In between the rain and snow there were violent wind storms called the "Wiliwils". Al also suffered a cut forehead when he hastily dived into a foxhole.

After landing at Kiska and then cruising about the central Pacific in preparation for jungle fighting, Al was evacuated to the U.S. and hospitalized.

After twenty months of active service Al was honorably discharged holding the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with a Bronze Star. With the memories of his dead buddies still on his mind it is difficult for Al to reacquire the studying habit. However he has high hopes of becoming an electrical engineer.

—JACOB KRAMER