

COMPASS COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Lt. Blake Suggests

It has been observed that there has been some laxity on the part of the navy men to maintain the standards of military bearing and courtesy that should be observed in this activity.

A Look At Alumni

Just to prove that IIT engineers are a versatile bunch, Harry J. Heidreich, former chem, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps. Previous to his commission Harry had been a flying cadet for the navy.

From Ensign Bob Kidd comes the following: "I arrived aboard the USS Porter on December first and took up the job of assistant engineering officer. You can tell Professor Budenholzer that I finally ended up in his 'heat power' engineering, and I think it's 'great.' Incidentally Bob has participated in raids bringing him as close as 460 miles from the coast of Japan.

R. M. Levy, who received his doctor's degree at IIT, is now working with the man who "built a better mouse trap." Levy is employed by Harry H. Straus, president of Ecusta Paper Corporation. Straus recently came to this country from Europe and brought with him a method for making cigarette paper. All of this paper was formerly imported from Europe. What a wonderful discovery for a "fag-starved" nation.

Someone for IIT to be proud of is Lt. Raymond G. Kroker. Ray, who has been in the service 27 months, spent the past 7 months in the India theatre as a navigator-bombardier with the famed "Bridgebusters" of the Tenth Air Force's 490th Bombardment Squadron. He is credited with 51 missions and 225 hours of combat flying time. He was personally cited by Major General Davidson for some of his outstanding missions.

Jim Oldshue, former sports editor of Technology News and now in the army visited IIT on his furlough last week. Jim is stationed at Pennsylvania State College and is studying mechanical engineering in the ASTR program.

—EDWARD SHORE

You men are in a very special group and are considered officer material. It is only proper that in your training to be officers, the things that you would expect of your men should be assumed by you. It should be realized then, that besides your regular school work you have an obligation, not only to the Navy but to yourself to observe the rules and regulations governing proper military conduct.

The trainees have been weak in the use of naval terminology. Such usages as "Aye, Aye, Sir" in response to a command and reading of the time of day in the 24 hour system have been somewhat overlooked. Also the essentials of military bearing have not been carried out to the best degree. You should take pride in appearing smart and military when you are marching and in the correct wearing of the uniform.

In order to get a better picture of the officer-like qualities of each man, an officer rating system, on the 4.0 basis is in effect. You men are observed by the petty officers, who have direct contact with you on your military bearing, co-operation, industry, loyalty, personal appearance and leadership. These observations are submitted to us and we are then enabled to rate more accurately the officer-like qualities of each trainee.

It is hoped that this message will be accepted in the proper spirit and that it will serve its purpose in assisting you to be good officers.

Lt. A. W. Blake
Executive Officer
IIT Navy V-12 Unit

Corn in Juke

Why doesn't the Juke Box have more up to date records instead of the old time pieces that are there now. Surely the person that takes care of the Juke Box has better taste than put Hill Billy and Spike Jones records into it. It seems that when the records are placed into the machine there isn't any consideration for other fellows. If not, it's about time there was a change in the management of the Juke Box.

T.D. Fan

IIT Inquiring reporter

QUESTION:

Have you any effective suggestions for eliminating the underclassmen from the elevator?

A/S WALTER E. BREISCH, Junior Chemical: I have not thought much about the elimination of underclassmen from the elevator. Namely, I guess, because I cannot tell an underclassman from an upperclassman. An underclass-



man, who has been caught on the elevator or who is known by quite a few students to be a freshie or soph, will most always walk. Therefore, if the rule is to be enforced I think the underclassmen should be provided with some sort of identification.

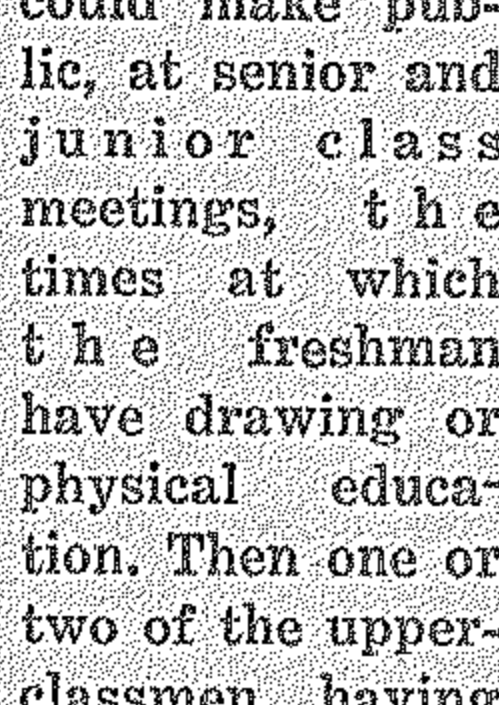
CARRIE BUTLER, Junior Chem.: Freshmen and sophomores should be eliminated from using the elevator by the usual showers. I think that this is about the best and most effective method. I also think that this method of elimination should be used for women students as well as the fellows.



DAVID MEYERS, Senior Aero: An appeal might be made to their "better natures" (it says here in very small print at the bottom of the page), or the grounds that the present juniors seniors theoretically had to walk; but to believe that this would work is just wishful thinking. The great difficulty is in not always being able to tell a freshie, and this could be solved only by enforcing the "green beanie" for freshmen law.



LEONARD H. JATCZAK, Senior Mechanical: We could make public, at senior and junior class meetings, the times at which the freshman have drawing or physical education. Then one or two of the upperclassmen having a free hour, ride with the elevator during the ten minutes before class. If any frosh or soph get on merely tell Al (elevator operator) to keep the gate closed. As you pass the library or chem. eng. lab. hollar "Freshmen on the elevator." Invariably, this will bring sufficient aid to convince the offender.



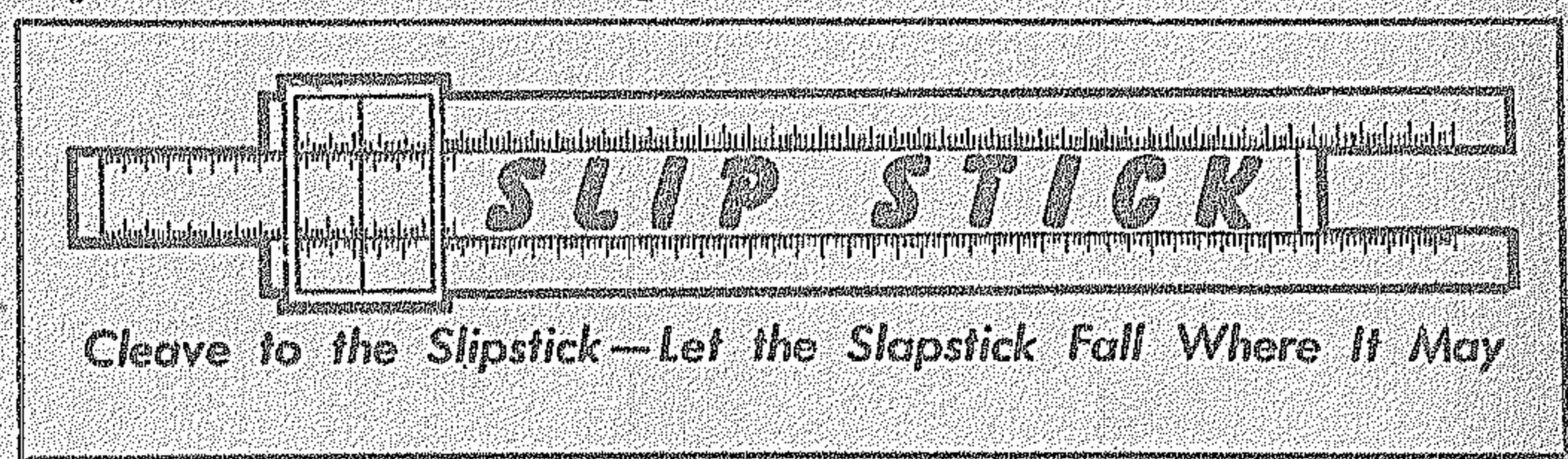
JACK McCLOW, Senior Mechanical: The fact that underclassmen are riding the elevator is a challenge. Aren't the present Juniors and Seniors strong enough to stop it by the old method of dunking in the showers? A few dripping freshmen will soon discourage the rest from their lazy habits.



—LEONARD BROWN

NAME'S NOTE

RICHARD AXELROOD, sophomore electrical, is a graduate of Western Military Academy where he was chosen the cadet most likely to become a general... CARL FLYNN, sophomore electrical, is a grandfather... LEONARD REIFFEL, sophomore electrical, has invented thirty-three different radio improvements; four of which are now in Washington being considered for patents... HELEN STEVENS of the Language and Literature Department is a founder of Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary fraternity of education... A/S JOHN CHRISTENSEN placed in several bicycle meets in Salt Lake City... MILAN VOYVODICK's father is in the service of the Yugoslavian state department here in Chicago.



Well it's spring again and the young man's fancy lightly turns to the same thing he's been thinking about all winter.

It's hard to say which is the most interesting; what an experienced packer puts into a suitcase; what a traveling salesman puts into his expense account; or what a chorus girl puts into her trunks.

Murray: Do you care for dancing, Gloria?
Gloria: No!
Murray: Why not?
Gloria: It's merely hugging set to music.
Murray: Well, what is there about it that you don't like?
Gloria: The music.
Fashion Note:—They're wearing the same thing in brassieres this year.

Listen, birds, These signs cost Money—
So roost a while, but Don't get funny.
Burma-Shave.
Student: It has been proven that opposites attract each other.
Prof: Give us an example.
Student: Tight men and loose women.

The morning after
The night before,
Our cat came home
At the hour of four.
The innocent look
In her eyes had went,
But the smile on her face
Was a smile of content.
Gob: Is your ice cream pure?
Waitress: As pure as the girl of your dreams.
Gob: Give me a ham sandwich.

"When is the Fuller Brush man gonna play pool with pa?"
"Willie, that's a foolish question."
"Well, didn't you tell him this afternoon you'd give him his cue when you saw pa coming?"

Bellhop: I just saved a life.
Clerk: Give me the particulars.
Bellhop: Well, the lady in 301 fainted and I dragged her out.
A modest girl never pursues a man. Nor does a mousetrap pursue a mouse.

"Madam, I'm representing the Goat Mountain Wool Company—would you be interested in some coarse yarns."
"Sure, go ahead, let's hear a couple."
Chemistry Professor: What is the outstanding contribution chemistry has made to the world?
Student: Blondes.
A/S: Do you think they will send me overseas, C.O.?
C.O.: Not unless we are invaded.

Illinois Tech Vets

Burnham Peters

Holding the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation Burnham L. Peters is majoring in Electrical Engineering at IIT.

Pete, as he is called by his buddies, was recently discharged from an Army hospital after serving with the infantry for four and a half years. At the time of his discharge Pete held the rank of a first lieutenant.

On July 8, 1940 Pete enlisted and although it was some time ago the exact date is firmly imprinted on his memory. Prior to his enlistment Pete had completed two years of rural education at Eau Claire State Teachers College.

Going from Camp Beuregard, La. to Fort Devers, Mass. Pete was consecutively promoted from a corporal to a Sergeant. After travelling clear across the country to Ford Ord, California he was shipped to Australia.

It was during this period that Pete attained what military leaders term the most difficult achievement of any enlisted man. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on the line. That is he did not have to attend the usual special school but was promoted on the spot for his individual merit and initiative.

From Australia Pete's outfit was flown to New Guinea. Here Pete was in charge of a rifle platoon and he soon led his men in combat. It was the Buna push when the Japs were steadily pressed back in 42 days of grueling mountain fighting.

Maybe combat seems the roughest where you are but Pete likes to point out that besides the Japs and the mountains you could not overlook the jungle marshes that were infested with the dread Malaria disease.

Before Pete was promoted to a first Lieutenant a Jap sniper's bullet came crashing through his left eye. He was evacuated o Brisbane and then back to the States where an incision has to be made below Pete's ear in order to remove the lodged bullet.

Pete Possesses four service ribbons that he gained while he was in service. Besides the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation, Pete also holds the PresidentialN Pete also holds the Pre-Pearl Harbor bar and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one battle star for the action he saw in New Guinea.

His impression of Illinois Tech is a good one and he plans to become active in extra curricular activities.

—JACOB KRAMER

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

While the Commercial American press claims to be entirely free and uncensored yet the academic American press is currently being disturbed by grave rumblings which pretend either a growing desire by students for a truly free college newspaper or else a growing antagonism on the part of college faculties towards such academic freedom.

Recently, at William and Mary College, an editor was suspended from classes and publication of the campus newspaper was discontinued by order of the college authorities due to the editorial advocacy of complete racial equality on the campus grounds. Whether or not one agrees with such a policy, and this writer does, the fact that a student who had been trustworthy enough to be chosen editor of the college paper was so stifled in her honest expression of opinion is sufficient cause to alarm liberal thinking people.

Meanwhile, at Boston University 17 members of the editorial staff of the Boston University News resigned en masse in protest to, amongst other things, "unreasonable censorship before publication." Maybe these students don't like "unreasonable censorship, period!"

Returning to the more pleasant side of life, I have found a beautiful example of contradiction in the Central YMCA News." We lifted the above two jokes (referring to their joke column, OUCH) from IIT's Technology News, whose sense of humor we deplore, but whose jokes we enjoy." Make up your mind, fellas!

Another college group which appreciates Slipstick are the girls in Lakelawn dormitory at the University of Wisconsin. IIT's Herb Schoen, senior civil, sent his girl Lorraine a copy of the newspaper, and the girls are now ardent subscribers to it.

—EDWARD SHORE