



LETTER OF THE WEEK: Examinations

In the May 21 issue of "Technology News" there was an editorial suggesting that a file of past exams be placed in the library. I want to second this motion with loud cheering. As was stated, the present situation, whereby many have access to past exams and many don't, is somewhat unfair. As I see it there should be nothing secret about past exams for it is not too great a task to change them after each exam and it would certainly give students something to base their studies on.

A Look At Alumni

Major Max L. Loewenberg, CE '13, recently received the bronze star from Major General Cecil R. Moore, chief engineer in the European theater of operations. Major Loewenberg, who volunteered with the army engineers on the day after Pearl Harbor, went overseas in August, 1942. He planned and designed the new Roosevelt memorial bridge, longest railroad bridge over the Rhine, which was built in ten days.

Captain Cy Burg, Illinois Tech baseball captain in 1939 has been serving in India for the past three years, while Lt. Bill Bauch, who captained the squad in 1941, is with the 6th Marine Raiders on Okinawa.

Lt. Ed Glancy, former All-American basketball player from Manhattan and athletic officer with the V-12 unit stationed at Illinois Tech, is now serving in the Phillipines.

Of especial interest to alumni is the fourth annual Illinois Tech Alumni Fund. At the half-way mark, 1,537 alumni have made gifts to Illinois Tech amounting to \$34,515 for an average gift of \$22.45. Most of the gifts are undesignated and will be used to further Illinois Tech's recently announced ten-year plan of building and improving both campus and faculty.

Major Albert D. Levy, '30, has been awarded the Bronze Star. The award was made on the second anniversary of the day Major Levy, then a lieutenant, evacuated the Thelepte airdrome in Tunisia as the artillery of the German forces advancing to the Battle of Kasserine Pass began shelling the field. Levy had remained after the rest of his AAF fighter group had withdrawn in order to destroy important records to prevent their falling into the hands of the rapidly approaching enemy spearheads.

—EDWARD SHORE

The files could be kept for exams of a year past, and could be changed once a semester. The main thing is to have some indicative of the type of material considered important by the individual professors. I hope to see these files appear in the near future.

Hopeful Student

Reply to Editorial

In last week's editorial about the unsuccessful freshman dance, there was a statement by Frank Groman to the effect that he was let down by the freshmen who had promised him that they would support the dance.

This accusation is entirely unfair. The plans for the dance were proposed at a meeting which was attended by only 24 members of the class. Groman had previously approached 22 of them.

On the basis of this backing, Groman went ahead with arrangements for the dance without sounding out the rest of the class. Therefore, he has no grounds for placing the blame for the Spring Swing's flop on his class members.

Freshman

"I Hate Secretaries"

Going to IIT for two years, I have come to the conclusion that secretaries on the campus seem to follow the dark dreary footsteps of the professors. Instead of being pleasant and resembling a ray of sunshine they are very snobbish and one would think they were nothing but book worms.

It is only natural for a fellow to start a conversation with someone of the opposite sex; however, the secretaries and technicians at IIT soon change one's mind after a bleak glance from these Thirty-third Street belles. After such an incident one almost obtains the horrible idea that they are the only such creatures in existence.

—H. P. Jr.

Hope . . . for women

—HOPE IVERSEN

KIVA

Dr. Samuel Hayakawa presented a speech to Kiva on "Boogie Woogie" at the last meeting, which was held last Thursday, June 7.

Dr. Hayakawa is an expert on boogie woogie. He has done a lot of research on the subject and has an extensive collection of boogie woogie records. One of his records is called the "Mecca Flat Blues", written about the apartments on Dearborn and 34th Street. Most of the boogie woogie of Chicago originated in the area around the south campus. Dr. Hayakawa's speech includes quite a bit of the history of the south side.

TERM PAPERS

It has been awfully quiet around here for the last week or so. It seems the time for term papers has arrived, and everyone, as usual, has left them 'till the last minute (I'm guilty of the same thing) I have never figured out the psychology behind this. We usually know the second week of the semester what our term paper is to be, but always, everyone, it seems, leaves the paper go till the last minute. Maybe some kind person can explain this phenomenon—I can't.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

At the last meeting of the Home Ec Club an election of officers was held. The girls that were elected are: Dorothy Hahn, president; Dorothy Lou Place, vice-president. Rosemary Eterno, secretary; and Virginia Norris, treasurer.

At the meeting held Monday 3 o'clock in the Home Ec tea room, talks were given on the Gunsaulus China Collection that is on display in the Home Ec department. The new president Dorothy Hahn spoke on "Who was Gunsaulus?" Jeannette McLucky, alumni secretary followed with little personal happenings in the life of Gunsaulus that are not found in any biography. Finally, Raleighnae Patterson spoke on the "Lusterware in Our Collection".

The last meeting of the semester will be a picnic Friday, June 15, at the Point, 55th and Stony Island. The picnic will be held in honor of the graduating seniors.

The Home Ec club has been very active this semester and has many interesting and informative programs. They visited Gardiner General Hospital, Sustenance Laboratory of the Quartermaster Corps, had a talk on good grooming and had two movies. Congratulations to the new officers, and here's hoping you have a very successful year.

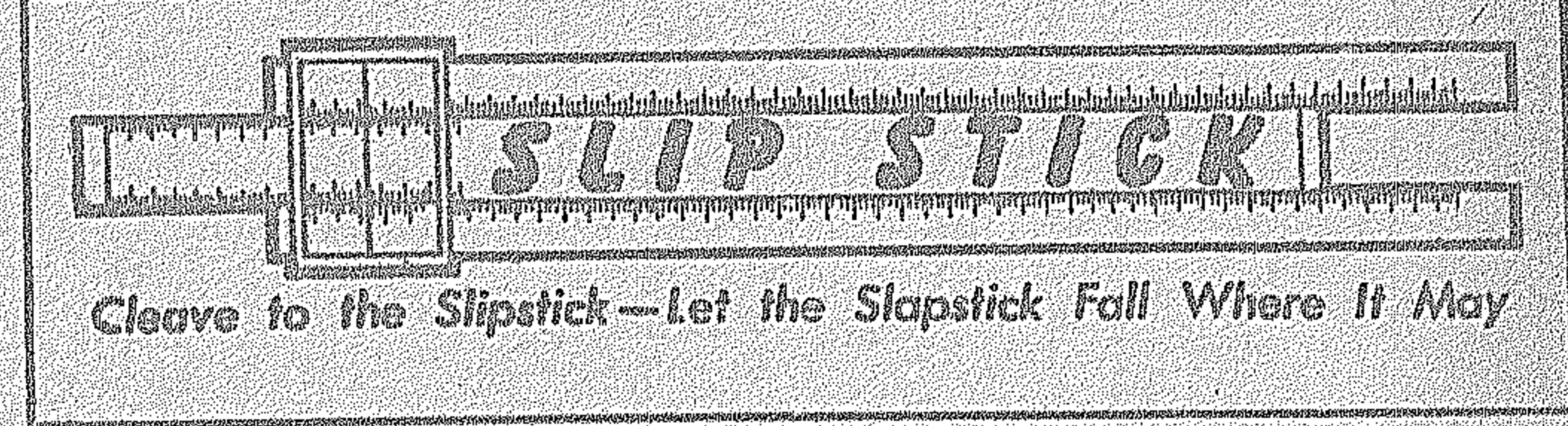
MEMORIAL DAY

With the strange feeling that goes along with so rare a happening as a holiday at Lewis, everyone was out to do all the things they planned to do and never got done. Some came in with sunburned faces, others with long overdue homework, and others looked just plain rested. A small group went out to Elgin for the day and had a picnic—someone else spent the day taking down storm windows, another worked in their victory garden and one brave soul slept all day. Now that is the person with the right idea. Someday, maybe next year when we're back on the peace time schedule, we can plan on having nearly all the national holidays, a then we can really catch up on some much needed rest.

—EDWARD SMORE



HELEN GORDAN formerly worked as a model . . . RUDOLFO SORIA, instructor in electrical engineering, is a descendant of Spanish nobility and received his high school education in Switzerland . . . STANLEY LAPIN, junior electrical, was tested to have an I.Q. of 140 when still in high school . . . PROFESSOR H. C. SPENCER, head of the technical drawing department, was an instructor of R. O. LOVING at Texas A. & M. in 1932, and PROFESSOR P. C. HUNTLEY, head of the civil department, was an instructor of Loving's father in 1911 at the University of Arkansas . . . HERMAN PATT came to America from Palestine . . . A/S CHARLES ALLEN is a direct descendant of one of the men who participated in the famous mutiny on the Bounty. Until recently he had relatives living on Pitcairn Island . . . GLORIA LANDIN started attending IIT before she graduated from high school . . .



A sailor who had completed 30 years of faithful service retired with a comfortable fortune of \$60,000. He had amassed this large sum through courage, enterprise, military savings, and the death of an uncle who left him \$59,999.50.

—IIT—
This is an excerpt from a letter written by a freshman's girl up at the boarding school: ". . . and I'm gaining weight on this awful food. They serve me at dorm, too. I weigh 120 stripped, but I don't know whether those scales down in front of the drug store are right or not."

—IIT—
"Couldn't you think of anything better than coming home in this drunken condition?" asked the outraged wife.

"Yessah, m'dear," answering the inebriated husband, "but she was out of town."

—IIT—
Appearances are deceiving—many a girl who puts up a swell front in society is flat busted at home.

—IIT—
She: "There are a lot of couples who don't pet in parked cars."

He: "Yes, the woods are full of them."

—IIT—
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife,

His ass thou shalt not slaughter, But thank the Lord it isn't a sin, To covet thy neighbor's daughter.

—IIT—
Pat and Mike were tired of war, and during a lull in the firing spied a cow which they killed and skinned. Pat got into the hind quarters of the skin and Mike got into the fore. Thus they proceeded back of the line. Suddenly, Mike, in the forefront, began to run. Pat, perforce, followed. They ran on and on, until Mike suddenly stopped. "It's no use, Pat," he gasped. "Brace yourself—here comes the bull."

—IIT—
A pat on the back develops character — if administered young enough, often enough, and low enough.

—IIT—
The members of an exclusive hunt club decided to hold a fox hunt, and instructed the members to bring only male dogs. However, one influential member owned only a female and she was allowed to run with the pack. The morning of the hunt they followed the dogs for an hour, then lost them completely. One of the hunters saw a farmer in a field and questioned him: "Have you seen anything of a pack of dogs and a fox?" "Sure, just a minute ago. They were going that way." "What were they doing?" "Running like hell," said the farmer, "and the last I seen, a she dog was out in front and the fox was running fifth."

—99 44/100 PER CENT PURE

V-12 VETS

James P. Hartnett
Another easterner at IIT is James P. Hartnett of Lynn Massachusetts. Hartnett enlisted into the navy in October 1942 at Boston, Massachusetts and had his boot training at Newport, Rhode Island which lasted three months. After three months of horror he was sent to Philadelphia and assigned to the newly commissioned aircraft carrier, USS Belleau Wood, of the CVL class.

Their first trip was a shakedown cruise to Trinidad and back to Philadelphia for final repairs and adjustments. This cruise lasted approximately six weeks.

After making their final repairs they set out for Pearl Harbor by way of Panama Canal. While in Panama, James was made radioman 3rd class.

In Pearl Harbor, James enjoyed several liberties while his ship was being assigned to a task force which was to provide air coverage for the men who were building an air strip on Baker Island. They stayed in this vicinity about one month.

Their next assignment was to bomb Tarawa which was in Japanese hands. They had several close calls on this raid and were fortunate to get away safely. From here they went to bomb Wake Island for two days. This was in October 1943, after this short raid they went back to Pearl Harbor for refueling.

At Pearl Harbor they were re-assigned to another task force which was to soften the Gilbert Islands and help invade them. This was in November 1943. Here they had an immense amount of trouble with enemy aircraft which hampered their efforts. In this battle the Liscombe Bay was sunk. It was of a CVE class and was escorting at the time it met its fate they stayed in the vicinity of the Gilberts until they were well occupied by our forces.

After the Gilbert affair they went to the Marshall Islands where they started to soften them up for an invasion. They caused much damage to the enemy however though they were under attack for twelve hours on December 8. That same night the Lexington was hit, however, not badly damaged. After these bombings they went back to Pearl Harbor after which James was sent to George Williams as a V-12 trainee.

James Hartnett holds the American Pacific theater of war ribbons with three stars.

—GEORGE MARTINKO

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

Here's a nice subject for debate: Paul Robeson's son is an active member of Cornell's track and football teams. Although he excels in other sports also, his father limits him only to the two mentioned. When Robeson was reminded that he himself wasn't content with only two sports and had been a four-letter man at Rutgers, the singer replied:

"I told my boy that this is different. I took a liberal arts course and he's taking electrical engineering. Anyone can breeze through those vague liberal arts courses without really studying—but electrical engineering is a thing you've got to work hard at to know."

Northwestern University has been doing a lot of banning lately, their latest victim being Paul Robeson. After Robeson had been asked by the students to speak at a bond rally, N.U. officials asked whether he would "sing, or talk too." When informed that he might talk, the officials claimed that no hall was available for the meeting. Later, after a hall had been tentatively obtained, N.U. officials claimed that there was no one around to clean up. When 25 students offered to show up to clean the hall, they were told that "the right balance of activity seems to be lacking at N.U." Ho, hum!

At the South Dakota University Agriculture barn dance, a 125 pound Hereford calf was crowned queen of the annual barn dance, Saturday, May 12 in the ROTC Armory. Jeans, plaid shirts and pigtales were the order of the day for the coeds. ASTRP men wore their fatigues and State men wore overalls. Highlights of the affair included an old-fashioned square dance, a bull pen which harbored faculty members between dances, and an appropriate setting composed of bales of hay, a cattle ramp, a cultivator and other farm implements.

The University of Chicago's switchboard, probably the largest university switchboard in existence, puts through 20,000 calls per day. The entire campus can be reached by calling one number, Midway 0800. Operating this vast system are only eight telephone operators.

—EDWARD SMORE