

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Reply from Secretary

I have been a secretary on this campus for the past year and one-half. During this time I have met some very interesting and some very uninteresting young men. However, I can't imagine that there is any one as stupid as H. P. Jr., who seems to think that we secretaries are all a bunch of "dumb tools."

A Look At Alumni

Dave S. Steinberg is now a first lieutenant in a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator unit. He has been overseas since last October and has participated in bombing attacks on vital Nazi targets along both the Italian and Russian fronts; giving support to the Russian armies driving into Austria and Germany, and to the Allied forces smashing the German divisions in Italy.

Ens. Walter Eugene Gardner, USNR, Chicago, Illinois, recently reported to the Officers' School at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to receive instruction for duties aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. Ens. Gardner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gardner, 6722 Cregier Avenue, Chicago. Before enlisting, he was employed by the Carnegie Illinois Steel Co. He attended Illinois Institute of Technology.

Ensign Burdette Douglass, USNR of Rockford, Illinois, is preparing for service with the navy's growing amphibious forces. Now stationed at the Atlantic Fleet's amphibious training base at Little Creek, Va., Ensign Douglass is training to serve as engineer officer on an LSM (landing ship, medium), the latest model in potent invasion vessels. Ensign Douglass, whose wife resides at 1734 Broadway Street, entered the navy in June, 1944, shortly after graduating from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is the son of Mr. Cecil W. Douglass, of Rockford.

After serving 14 months on the Aleutian Islands as an anti-aircraft battery officer, First Lieutenant Frederick P. Dose is now on his second tour of foreign service as an operations officer with a veteran 12th Air Force fighter-bomber group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Harry F. Heidenreich was recently commissioned a lieutenant. Harry is a former javelin star from

think that we secretaries are all a bunch of "dumb tools." Where does he get this stuff about the secretaries following "the dark, dreary footsteps of the professors." We are just a group of average American girls with jobs at IIT. Just because we don't go "wolfing" after the supposedly irresistible Techmen, H. P. Jr. seems to think that we think we are the only women in existence. On the contrary, we have learned enough to find our dates elsewhere. It becomes very disgusting to see a group of fellows acting like a group of hyenas all the time. This is the reason that IIT secretaries prefer to associate with men who have been refined to at least some degree. Before H. P. Jr. decides that we are all snobs, he ought to consider the way he acts.

H. P. Jr. says that instead of acting like a ray of sunshine, IIT secretaries act like snobs. The truth of the matter is that while we secretaries do try to act like rays of sunshine, IIT men are acting like dark clouds preventing us from shining.

We are fortunate that at least not too many students at IIT are as off the beam as H. P. Jr. Its' time he came out of his self-conceit and looked about.

Secretary

Juice Department

What's the matter with the juice department? I had my schedule all fixed and was just waiting for an O.K. on it when I found that a number of classes and labs had been changed. I had to make out a complete new schedule which was entirely different from the original. The juice department is supposed to be a progressive department but you sure wouldn't realize it if you were around near registration time. For gosh sakes don't make any more changes.

T. Z.

IIT. While at college he threw 171 feet. At Camp Carson, Colorado, Harry topped this record with 185 feet (he had an infected arm). He then went on to win 3rd place in an AAU meet with a 208 foot throw.

—EDWARD SHORE

Hope... for women

—HOPE IVERSEN

REMINISCING

Since this is the last week of the semester this time we'll reminisce—first of all, some of the things that used to go on around the west campus, and then what has happened during the last year.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

In the spring of 1942, there was a highly contested baseball tournament—the games were held daily for three weeks at Union Park, with teams representing fraternities, classes and just gangs. Half the school was out there acting as rooters—it really was quite the thing.

GYM

Wonder how many there are that remembers a few semesters ago when the gym was occupied every afternoon of the week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday were devoted to badminton; Tuesday and Thursday devoted to basketball. Back then you had to make a reservation two days in advance to use the gym. Another thing that most of the kids will remember are Mrs. Hazel's gym classes. And a final note, in those times, all men were required to take a gym course that included junior commando training, ju-do and obstacle courses. Those poor fellows had to jump off the gym balcony, climb a swinging rope, etc.

LOUNGE

Another thing that was quite the style then was the annual committee. From the beginning of time, there was an annual committee for the securing of a lounge for Lewis students. Numerous places were suggested for lounge use, such as the balcony of the gym, a room in the basement, one of the rooms in the Damen Street Building, etc. Many of the committees went as far as pricing building materials and furniture. And now there is a lounge.

SIGNAL CORPS

Most of the kids can remember when we had all sorts of defense courses. It started out with Signal Corps men in 1941, went to ESMWT and ended with Signal Corps women. The lunchroom and library were always crowded to capacity.

LOUNGE

And now, to the new additions to the west campus in the last year—first of all there was the lounge. After all the committees, it was really swell to get so nice a lounge. Before that was opened, there was no place to pass away time, play cards or dance. We're all mighty proud of that lounge.

WAA

Another new thing was the formation of the Women's Athletic Association. There has been a need for a similar organization since the opening of the school. The women have never had an opportunity to use all the sport's facilities of the school for lack of the proper organization and now with the efficient officers the group has, much is being done toward that end.

RED CROSS

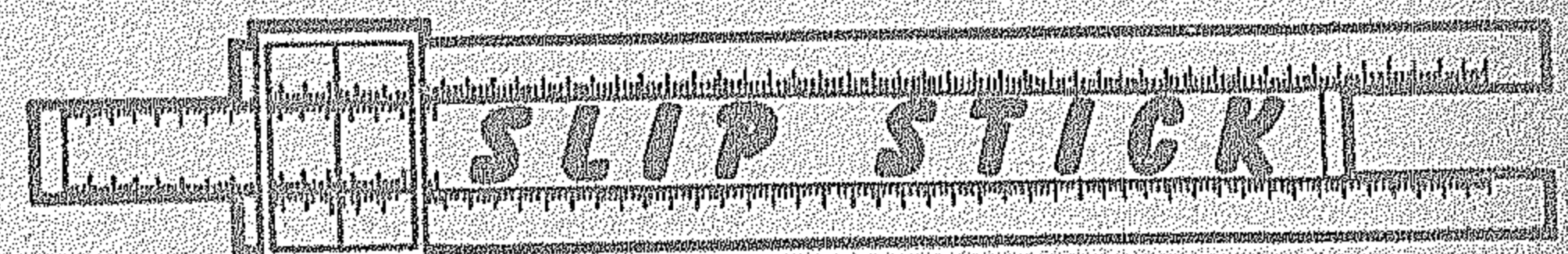
Another new item was the formation of a Red Cross College Unit here at IIT. Many of the students really wished to do some thing for the war effort, but with all their school activities they couldn't do volunteer work. With this group they can give a short amount of time, and in that time do a lot of good.

ENROLLMENT

The greatest change this year has been the drop in enrollment. With so very few students in school, it is rather difficult to do too many things, but considering the size, the west campus has done mighty good this year.



A/S WENDELL OMER was the salutatorian of his high school in Salt Lake City. . . . A/S ALAN GRANT and his twin sister won a trip to Niagara Falls as first prize in a most beautiful twins contest when five years old. . . . GEORGE ZOVEDNY, although only a sophomore mechanical, is working with the physics department doing molecular calculations. . . . JAMES ANDERSON, sophomore electrical, was manager and captain of the Tilden High School chess team which won the city championship last year. . . . JAY WARSHAWSKY, sophomore electrical, was lieutenant colonel of his high school ROTC unit. . . . FRANK BERNSTEIN, freshman mechanical, plays three different musical instruments and has played with a professional band. . . . A/S PAL P. MARTIN'S grandfather is the owner of a 400 acre Czechoslovakian estate. . . . A/S THOMAS B. FRENZER was drum major of his Grand Rapids high school. . . . WALTER KOEPPER carries the male lead in an operetta being given by his church.



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

He: "I wonder if I could make you melt in my arms?"
She: "No, I'm not that soft and you're not that hot."

Chapter 1

He grabbed me by my slender neck
I couldn't yell or scream
He took me to his dingy room
Where we could not be seen.

—IIT—

When a girl is up on a ladder,
men get the rung ideas.

—IIT—

Moe: "When I walked in on my girl, she blushed all over."
Joe: "Do you mean to say you could tell that?"
Moe: "Sure. That's why she blushed."

—IIT—

Chapter 2

He tore away my flimsy wrapper
And gazed upon my form;
A chilly sweat came over me
But he was hot and warm.

—IIT—

She: "I can tell you travel in a car."
He: "How so?"
She: "By the way you bear down on the clutch when you come to the curves."

—IIT—

"Bare knees are a luxury."
"How come?"
"Try to get hold of one."

—IIT—

Chapter 3

His feverish lips were pressed to mine;
I gave him every drop
He drank away my very self
I couldn't make him stop.

—IIT—

A handsome midshipman from Annapolis wandered into a tennis tourney late one afternoon. He sat down beside a demure young lady and asked, "Whose game?"
"I am," said the bashful one.

—IIT—

Lil: "Stop."
John: "I won't"
Lil (with a sigh): "All right, I've done my duty!"

—IIT—

Chapter 4—Finale

He made me what I am today
That's why you find me here
A broken bottle thrown away
That once was filled with BEER.

—IIT—

Ice man (entering the kitchen with cake of ice): "Hello Sonny!"
Little Boy: "Hey, when you say that, smile!"

—IIT—

With this issue another term of Slipstick ends. I would like to thank you for laughing at an occasional joke. I would also like to say a few words to my censor. CENSORED! C-E-N-S-O-R-E-D! C-E-N-S-O-R-E-D! C-E-N-S-O-R-E-D! C-E-N-S-O-R-E-D!

—IIT—

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V-12 VETS

FRED RAYMOND FLORY

Fred Flory put in his overseas time in Iceland, the land of midnight sun, howling gales and terrible cold.

Joining the navy as a seabee in January, 1942, just after Pearl Harbor, Fred was shipped from Portland, Oregon, place of enlistment to across the country to Norfolk, Virginia. He was fortunate in joining when there was an acute shortage of men in overseas bases, for boat training at that time was only three weeks. He left with a shipfitter second class rating and was sent to Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Three months were spent there building and testing floating dry docks for small craft.

The new 9th battalion of Seabees was being formed in April 1942, and Fred was assigned to this group. Shortly afterward a detail of 15 special welders was selected and flown by PBM to Falcon Point, Iceland. Fred was among them.

This group was the first detachment of Seabees to enter the Atlantic area. Civilian engineers were there when the CB's arrived and they remained to train the navy men in their job they were to do. A month later the remainder of the battalion came to Falcon Point by steamer, and the original fifteen there took the place of the civilians in training the three companies that formed the battalion.

Their task was the construction of an airfield and an oil tank farm. "Eat, sleep and work for 14 months in high winds and snow" says Fred. Winds as high as 125 miles per hour were recorded, and then the anemometer broke. The quonset huts in which the men lived were destroyed; oil tanks in the process of construction, braced with steel, were crushed; several times men were blown from the tanks and killed or badly injured.

In September, 1943, Fred was returned to Quonset Point and given a 30-day leave. He returned from leave and started an intensive training for the South Pacific area. The school lasted two months, and it was at that time that Fred applied for V-12. He was selected in January 1944 and sent to IIT to start the first semester of 1944 as a mechanical engineering major. He holds a good conduct ribbon, the American theater of operations and the European-African ribbons.

—GEORGE MARTINKO

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

While I don't have the nerve to propose that Dr. DiCicco give our differential equations class an exam set to music, I can at least report on the unique comprehensive exam which the University of Chicago recently gave in music and art. The exams were held in Mandel Hall and encompassed Humanities 1. Instead of asking the bewildered students to define Allegretto quasi Andantino and list ten composers who have used it, the University of Chicago has its students listen to music and report what they heard. Similarly, instead of having to explain the symbolic nature of Pablo Picasso's Guitarist, University of Chicago students look at art and report what they see. However, one still has to know the answers!

Probably the smallest college in existence is the new Roosevelt College of Chicago which had a total enrollment of five students, as of June 7, consisting of three young women and two men. Two of the students are majoring in sociology and the remaining three are majoring in English, political science and pre-dental courses. The "campus" is located 30 stories above Chicago's loop.

The University of Chicago will go in for housing projects after the war. President Hutchins recently announced that the university contemplates a faculty housing center to be situated on the south side of the Midway. Hutchins asserted that the project would accommodate 150 families. Sounds like the FHA!

At Northwestern's 87th annual commencement, held last Wednesday in Deering Meadow, 1,450 degrees were granted, in addition to the graduation of 26 policemen from the Traffic Institute. Among the policemen completing the four and a half months course is one from Chungking, China.

The country's first college-credit correspondence course in Japanese is being offered by the Home Study Department of the University of Chicago. The syllabus includes detailed instructions for learning Japanese script and sets of phonograph records for use in learning to speak the language.

—EDWARD SHORE