

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Leak in the Roof

There has been a lot of talk lately about the New Technology Center. Having attended three different colleges during my collegiate career, I've picked up a few ideas about colleges. I now would like to make a few suggestions from the student's point of view about the new Illinois Tech.

A Look At Alumni

Second Lieutenant Jordon H. Goldberg of Chicago, 29 year old bombardier on the crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress and a former Lewis student, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal. He won the decoration for "courage, coolness and skill" and his outstanding performance of duty during a number of Eighth Air Force attacks on German war targets.

Kenneth M. Grasse, an IIT graduate and member of Alpha Chi Sigma, was recently promoted to a captain. He is a meteorologist with the 15th Air Force in Italy; and he and his group, the 454th Bombardment, have been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its bombing of Herman Goering works in Linz, Austria.

A lot of the alumni have been kicking about not receiving their copies of *Technology News* recently. However, things are in for a happy change now since a letter was received from Harold Burkhart, former editor of the school paper, who is also kicking. Harold, who recently completed radio secondary school at Navy Pier, is now laid up with pneumonia at Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Special agent Mearl W. Brookmann of the Chicago engineering department of National Fire is being transferred to Missouri to succeed James W. Kent who is resigning to become associated with the Robert B. Murray agency at Springfield, Mo. Both Brookman and Kent are FPE's, the former in 1934, the latter in 1927.

Five times decorated for "courage and skill" in aerial combat, First Lieutenant Daniel L. Koplovitz, 24, of Gary, Indiana, and former IIT student, copilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has passed a milestone in his combat career with the completion of more than 30 flights over Germany.

During the course of these opera-

I think Illinois Tech's greatest fault is its lack of organization. An example of this is having a course taught by different professors, one using open books on examination and another using closed books. To me this seems utterly absurd. I think that the department should decide once and for all whether a course is to be open book or closed book. Also the student should know from the day he walks into a class under what conditions the course is being offered.

Having ten minute quizzes count as much as an hour test is unfair and doesn't exactly appeal to me. Also, giving multiple choice final examinations in courses like CE 3 and Mech 302. I don't believe they are a true test of what the student knows about the course. A member of the Mechanics Department stated that this was done because students had been complaining that their grades depended too much on the individual professor's standard of grading. He further said that multiple choice exams would remedy the situation. This is just like building an elaborate piping system to drain away the water that leaks through the roof. Why not fix the roof instead??

Complaining Student.

Advertisements

As a result of the advertisement in last week's *Technology News*, I called Div. 8455 in order to obtain information and perhaps even purchase the twin beds. Upon calling, I found Evelyn quite willing to give information pertaining to the beds, in fact I found Evelyn quite willing.

And as for the Slipstick—all I can say is, "Do you stuff birds?" Man! there was one column I actually was ashamed to take home.

tions, the Gary co-pilot has spent more than 150 hours at altitude in excess of four miles, where a minute without oxygen would result in loss of life. He has flown in temperatures as low as 50 degrees below zero and against targets which were defended by more than 400 heavy flak guns.

Hope . . . for women

—HOPE IVERSON

Well spring is back, and with it all the typical signs. Here is what is supposed to be studying—"Li'l Jo" Nicholas and William Schumer were studying for a German quiz. They started out with strong and weak endings, interspersed with sororities and fraternities, Medical Arts Guild, respective merits of the different languages and finally wolves.

Orchids . . . to Eleanor (Pat) Vedel for the work she did on the first column—I would like to thank her for the help she gave me, but from now on, I'll carry on myself.

RED CROSS

Last month Miss Mildred Atkins of the American Red Cross spoke to the Home Economics Club, pointing out the possibility of forming a Red Cross College Unit here at Illinois Tech. This would be an opportunity for those who do not have time for community Red Cross work, but would have some time at school. Some of the things the unit could do are: offer college credit courses in Nutrition, Home Nursing, Water Safety and First Aid; could form Nurses' Aid Corps, Dietitian's Aid Corps, Staff Assistance Corps, Canteen Corps, Motor Corps, Production Corps, Arts and Skills Corps, and Hospital and Recreation Corps (with all the military hospitals near by, the girls are very interested in this). So a committee was formed and plans are now being made for the official organization. The committee members, Marie Palumbo, senior, Dorothy Hahn, sophomore, Mary Ann Cahoy, freshman, Lorene Mattern, ITSA, and one unknown junior, have met and decided what activities would be possible here at Illinois Tech. Their ideas was presented to the women students at a meeting last Monday.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Dorothy Vedel . . . "Dot" . . . home economics major . . . senior class secretary . . . Sigma Beta Theta sorority . . . Dramatech . . . Kiva . . . likes French fried shrimp . . . steak, two inches thick . . . engaged to J. Howard Reynolds . . . plans to go to the University of Chicago for her master's degree. Somewhere around school, the name Josie has been mentioned, and Marie Palumbo seems to have acquired it as a nickname—from the different stories that are heard, Josie must be quite a character—please let us in on it "Mer."

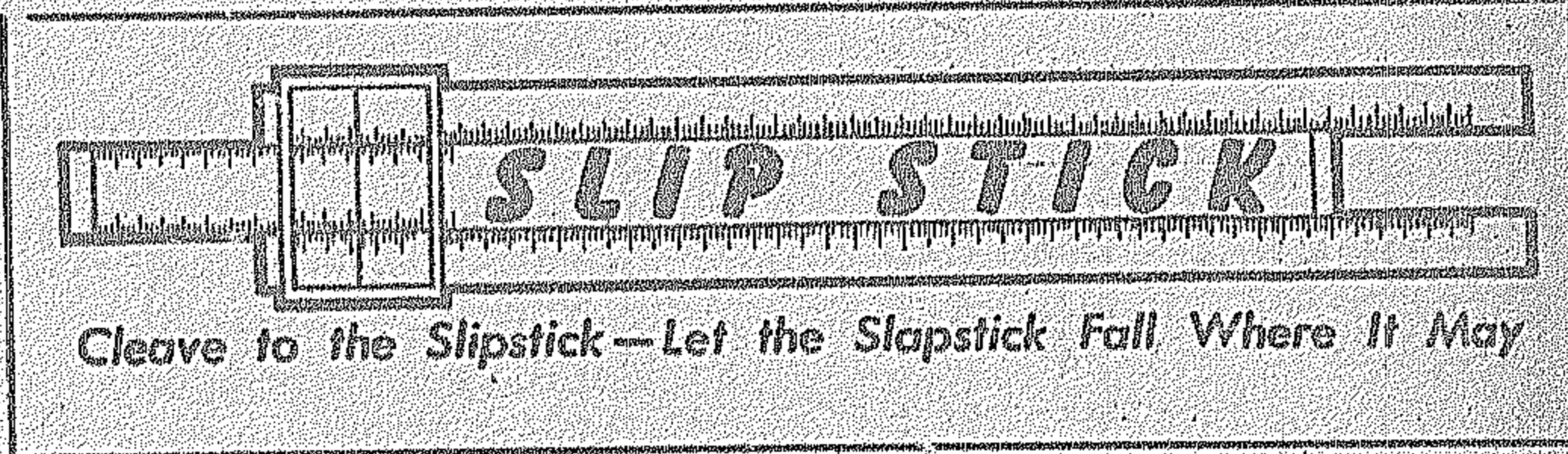
LOVE

Love must be a peculiar thing . . . people do the craziest things under the influence of it—Russ Kasmer spends his Tuesdays and Thursdays chasing a badminton bird in order to please Shirley McMahon. A/S Bob Sodaro chases Helen Gordon down the hall like mad. A/S Ray Meade has that sort of cow-sick look, particularly on Tuesday when Lorene isn't there. A/S Bob Keith and Myrna Lokay are really getting serious—they spent Saturday afternoon looking at model homes at Fields. Finally A/S Art Beihl must have it awfully bad; he scrubs floors, and there have been rumors that he washes dishes all the time.

And then, there is the puppy love kind—A loves B, but B loves C, and so on—Wanneta Gorrell started out dating Adolph Schumann, but complications set in—Bill Unterberg entered the picture—he wants to be fair to Adolph, but all's fair in love and war—so—til later.



MILT COX, sophomore electrical, took fourth place in the two hundred yard low hurdles, of the Illinois high school track meet of 1944. . . O. GORDON ERICKSON wrote the music for the school song of the University of Chicago which is also the theme song for the Jack Armstrong radio program. . . A/S DON GIPPLE went to high school with June Haver, the movie actress. . . JERRY KANTER, junior chemical, is a student of theology in addition to his engineering studies. . . BENNY GOODMAN, popular band leader, was an engineering student at Armour . . . A/S TOM LECHNER became backstroke champion of the Michigan State Amateur Athletic Union, winning the 150 yard event during the recent inter-term leave. . . ARTHUR ALTERMAN, sophomore mechanical, was picked one of the five best cheer leaders in Chicago during his high school days. . . A/S CHARLES HOHMANN has both a chemistry laboratory and a radio repair shop in the basement of his home. . . MARION LYNCH, assistant librarian on the south campus, was head of the Elmwood Park Library at the age of 22. She also was a senior in Rosary College at the time.



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

This column is written for the "college bred." College bred means a wad of dough with plenty of crust and a lot of crumbs gathered together for a good loaf.

The doctor was questioning the nurse about her patient.

"Have you kept a chart on his progress?" he asked. "No," she blushingly replied, "but I can show you my diary."

—IIT—

In a lawyer's office,
Across the way,
Sits a maiden fair,
Who types all day.

I love to watch her fingers
As they play upon the keys,
And see the stacks of letters
Piled high upon her knees.

'Tis five o'clock—
The shades are drawn—
Perhaps she's putting on her wraps,

Perhaps, perhaps—Oh! Well,
perhaps!

—IIT—

"Did 'oo forget your wench?" the cutie lisped to the plumber who was fooling around beneath the sink. "No, Baby," he replied, "I'll get around to you in a few minutes."

—IIT—

A justice of the peace in a small Maine town was called upon to perform his first marriage ceremony. After he had the knot safely tied, the young couple continued to stand before him as if expecting some further rite. Whereupon the justice stammered out, in a desperate attempt to round off the ceremony with something of a religious turn, "There, there, its all over! Go, and sin no more."

—IIT—

First little baby: "I'm a baby boy."
Second tot: "How do you know?"
First little baby: "My name is Henry."

—IIT—

Lips that touch wine shall never touch mine, declared the co-ed, and after she graduated she taught school for years and years and years and years.

—IIT—

Joe: "How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"
Bill: "It will be ten years in September."

—IIT—

Here's to the girls,
So pure and chaste,
The purer they are,
The less they're chased.

—IIT—

Surveys indicate that four of five women haters are women.

—IIT—

Judge: "Have you a lawyer?"
Prisoner: "No, but I have some good friends on the jury."

—IIT—

Every dog has his day. And those with broken tails have their week ends.

99 AND 44/100% PURE

—JACOB KRAMER

Illinois Tech Vets

William Peterson

Most men have never even seen one full scale invasion; but it remained for RDM 2/C William H. Peterson to get first hand observation on two of the biggest history making invasions in the world.

Bill enlisted in October, 1942 while attending IIT and received his boot training at Great Lakes. From there he was immediately sent to the U.S.S. Arkansas, one of the oldest battleships in the fleet. One week later the "Arky" put out into the Atlantic on convoy duty to North Africa and the British Isles.

Soon afterward Bill found himself as part of a vast armada off the coast of Normandy. When his ship first came into view she was straddled by artillery shells and a little later she was dive bombed by JU 88's.

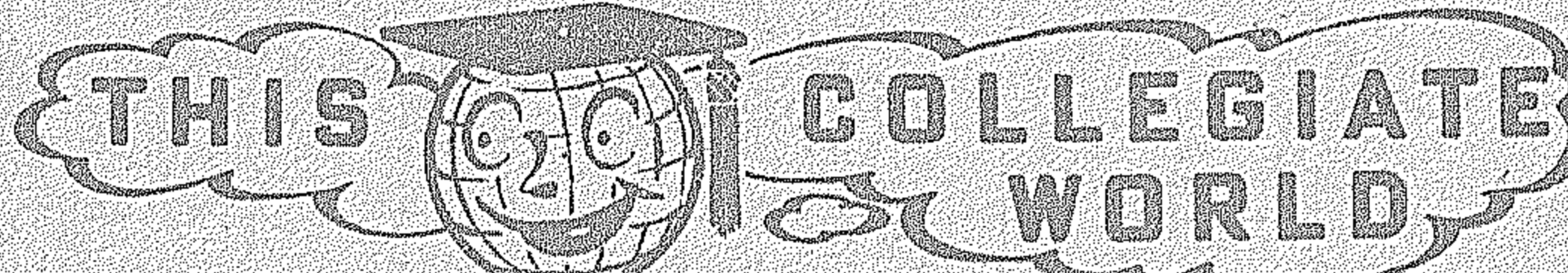
After the first few crucial and exciting moments when it seemed that the ship would surely be hit the "Arky" calmly proceeded toward her objectives. Cherbourg was bombarded and all the harbor batteries were silenced.

In fact the fire was so accurate and devastating that the Nazis dubbed them the "Devil Ship", and claimed that the Luftwaffe was out to get them.

Bill's next stop was the southern coast of France, and the beachhead was comparatively quiet. However Bill likes to point out that the ship's guns provided some nice sound effects; and that the entire ship shudders when a salvo is fired.

Again the "Arky" plastered the beaches and all the batteries that could be located. Wounded American doughboys were taken on board for evacuation; and as an added attraction tired and thoroughly defeated Nazi prisoners were picked up.

After returning to the States Bill was confined to a hospital where his crushed leg was treated. Several months later he was honorably discharged after twenty-eight months American and European theatre rib of active service. He holds the ribbons with a Bronze Star.



Higher education is going in for higher buildings and taller campuses, giving the American skyscraper an academic twist. The granddaddy of them all is the University of Pittsburg's 535 foot, 41 story tower. Fern Tower in Cleveland comes close to this with a 22 story giant. Other colleges with towers are Texas, Northwestern, Hunter and Mundelein.

Washington University, St. Louis, is renewing its traditional dandelion day this year. The last time the sport was held was in 1920. Each class nominated a campus queen, and the group which picked the most dandelions had its candidate elected. In former years the dandelion pickers were really voracious—in the spring of 1916, eager freshmen picked 47,000 dandelions to elect Miss Mildred Wass the freshman Queen. Her nearest competitors received 39,200, and 30,500 votes apiece, each 'lion counting for one vote.

At Northwestern University recently, a freshman student had the privilege of having President Franklin B. Snyder carry her books to class and, in general, act as her valet for one school day. A similar situation occurred at the University of Maryland, where the president sat in a student's place in class while the student sat in the president's office. Utopia? No, both students outdid rivals in War Bond drives.

The curfew has dipped unmercifully into college life. The University of Cincinnati has announced that all sororities and fraternities will have to obey Jimmy Byrnes' curfew. At the University of Indiana students who attend the Junior Prom will begin dancing at 8 p.m. and leave by 11:45 p.m. Similar situations have been reported from colleges all over the country.

A novel idea which might well be extended to IIT's forthcoming Junior Week is one which comes by way of the "State", student newspaper of the Stevens Institute of Technology. The students plan to decorate the gym at a forthcoming dance with pants that the freshmen lost last week in a mad scramble with the upperclassmen.

—EDWARD SHORE