

LETTER OF THE WEEK: Name Band for Navy Ball?

It seems that there are many doubts regarding the abilities of those in charge of the Navy Ball for not selecting a more preferable band to play for the coming affair. Much can be said about the quality of the band now on hand. However that is immaterial,

and a name band would have made way for a finer affair. This was not entirely impossible, since bands are accessible for the time the Navy Ball is to take place.

One of the many questions raised is, "Why hasn't a name band been chosen?" Surely it wasn't a lack of funds, for the price of the bids could have been raised without any danger of a decrease in attendance. As yet, there hasn't been any objection from the student body in favor of a name band. Perhaps those in charge have allowed their judgment to be swayed by a small group.

With the Navy Ball being the largest affair of the year, and looked forward to with much eagerness, it is felt that the coming affair will not live up to its expectations.

Womens' Column

According to Webster's dictionary, a newspaper is a paper published periodically containing the most recent news, advertisements, etc. The purpose of a newspaper is to bring news of the most interest to the greatest number of people to whom the paper is directed. This includes incidents, accidents, and happenings of every sort which directly or indirectly interests the greatest number of the readers, and articles about people who are known to the majority of the readers. It also includes literary bits and essays of interest to the readers. In short, a newspaper's purpose is to keep the greatest possible number of people in contact with that which affects them in the world.

I read an article in the April 16th edition of the "Technology News" which is not encompassed by any part of the definition or purpose of a newspaper given above. I quote, "We have a pair of sisters around here that are quite the heart-breakers. Pat, the baby, has left a trail of broken hearts from here to the south side, and Dot, though engaged, finds Jack, George, and Lloyd quite interesting—ho hum, how boring."

This article is somewhat typical of the articles making up the column entitled "Hope—for Women". Besides being intrinsically senseless, it has no bearing on the lives of anyone and hence is of no interest to anyone, except maybe Pat, Dot, Jack, George and Lloyd, whoever they may be.

Why not eliminate such a drag on what is otherwise a top notch paper. It would give the paper a strong boost up the ladder of success.

—School Supporter

A Look At Alumni

Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity received a letter from Lewis Davidson—Feb. '45. Davidson is employed by the Carrier Corporation of Syracuse, N.Y. He writes that he is in a group of 70 men who are in a special training program. This group is international in that it is composed of men from The Dominican Republic, Chile, France, Africa, China, and Mexico. At present Davidson is doing development and research work.

Fred E. Hartman, PPE, who left the Institute during his senior year in 1944, is a Pfc. in the Marine Corps. He is now a patient in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland 14, California, having recently returned from the Pacific theater. The educational services officer writes us that Hartman may be hospitalized for some time, and that during his convalescence he is reviewing calculus.

T/Sgt. Duilio P. Sorini, 22, aerial engineer-gunner in an Italy based 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight."

Sgt. Sorini flew his first combat bombing mission on Dec. 25, 1944, when hundreds of Italy based heavies delivered Christmas greetings to the Nazis in the form of high explosive bombs dumped on axis-controlled oil refineries at Brux, Czechoslovakia. He has flown 23 missions over enemy targets in Germany, Austria, Northern Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

Bob Spitzig, former Technology News reporter, sent in the following "joke" for Slipstick, but since our joke column is crowded with other "stuff" this week, here is Bob's "joke":

Question: "Know the difference between the army and jail?"

Answer: "When you're in jail you know when you're getting out!"

Hope . . . for women

—HOPE IVERSON

"There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so". —Shakespeare.

Jerry Meade, Dr. Walker's secretary, is on her vacation now. Everyone around here would love to be in her shoes, for she is going to the graduation hop at Annapolis, then the graduation exercises and finally, spend a week in New York. Lucky girl.

A Chicago woman, asked in a Red Cross questionnaire what had been her experience in the field of nutrition, wrote: "I have been eating for years". —St. Louis Globe-Democrat

ALL-SCHOOL PARTY

For over a year John Dolce, physical education instructor, has been trying to sponsor an all school ranch party, and now it is to be a reality. The party will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 10:00. All students and instructors are urged to attend.

Helen Klueber, Trudi Cheskis, Gerard Carnevale, Pete Pinto and Bob Carroll are the committee that made all arrangements. The program is as follows: mixer, grand march, "accumulation waltz", square dance and community sing. Refreshments will be served. Once again may I repeat, ALL students and instructors are urged to attend—classes will be dismissed and it's free!

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Dorothy Lou Place... junior... home economics major... junior class secretary... Kiva... came from University of Colorado where she was in the following... Delta Delta Delta, vice-president... chairman of tennis in WAA... Red Cross... Associated Women Students Vaudville... likes horseback riding... orange ice... plans to be a dietician.

One of the latest "things" around here is Buddy Dubin and Gerard Carnevale—they take nice long walks on our beautiful campus... make a real cute couple.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Come every warm sunny day, quite a number of our freshmen can be found at Union Park, engaged in a hurried game of baseball. During the winter, they let off their pent up energy on fast games of volleyball, but as it gets warmer out doors, the gym becomes unbearable, so naturally their thoughts would turn to baseball. From the looks of the kids as they return, they are really playing baseball with a vengeance.

A weary wartime commuter wired his boss: "Will not be at the office today. Am not home yesterday, yet".

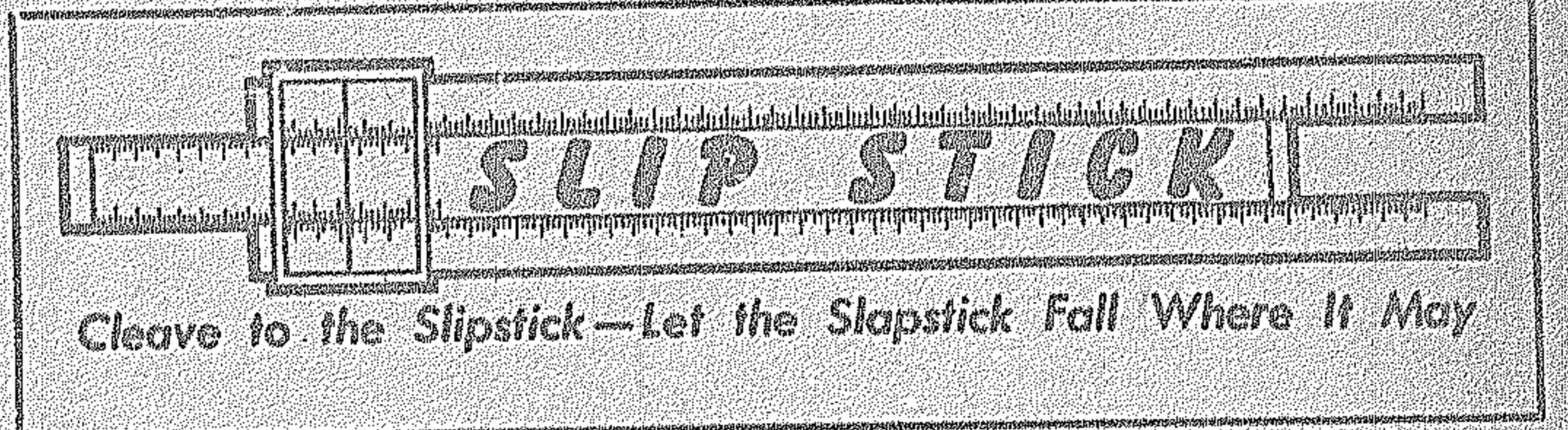
There is so much that is bad in the best of us
And so much that is good in the worst of us
That it doesn't behoove any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

OLD TIMERS

During the past week I have been sort of reminiscing and so decided to find out where some of the kids who used to go here are: Russ Coleman, Dick Johnson, Bernie Marland are all "somewhere in France"; George Prochnow is somewhere in Germany; Bob Peach is in England; Frank Lucatordo is in Italy; Aaron Solomon is on a PT boat in the South Pacific; Bob Weiss is at Iwo Jima; and then our women—the Caldwell twins are WACS, and Fran Snow and Ida Wright are WAVES



During his high school days in Detroit A/S LEONARD SLAZINSKI earned 7 letters in basketball and baseball, was captain of the basketball team, and was all city captain in 1942... MRS. MARIE SPENCER of the PSS department has been the sponsor of the Sigma Omicron Lambda sorority since 1924... ALLAN FINLAYSON was the top man in his graduating class in high school... Professor ALFRED C. AMES of the English department is writing a book on the works of Alexander Pope... A/S JOE HARDMAN was Pacific Fleet breaststroke swimming champion before entering V-12... Dr. W. A. LEWIS is the only electrical engineer ever to receive a PH. D. Summa Cum Laude from the California Institute of Technology... LUDWIG TRITSCH, freshman, left his home in Austria just before Hitler began spreading his new order throughout Europe... ROY PATRICK, IIT's barber, is the commander of an American Legion post... A/S LEONARD VOGT was a member of the Cincinnati Junior Davis Cup tennis team... Dean C. A. TIBBALS was a member of the la-crosse team and ran the quarter mile as a member of the track team at Columbia University.



This column is dedicated to the farm girl. We hope you haven't forgotten the little farm girl who always went out with the city fellows because the farm hands were too rough.

Wife: "Who was that on the phone?"

Husband: "Just some sailor with the wrong number; he wanted to know if the coast was clear."

—IIT—

Alpha Sig: "I'd ask you for this dance, but all the cars are occupied."

—IIT—

A sweet young thing from the window, "Say, iceman, do you have the time?" "Sure, but who's going to hold the horses?"

—IIT—

Which reminds us of the hsping shoe salesman who told the young lady: "I will try and thee if I can find your thize."

—IIT—

Be it ever so homely there's no face like your own.

—IIT—

Proverb—Familiarity breeds ATTEMPT.

—IIT—

Sally: "How is it Bill never takes you to the movies any more?"

Sue: "Well, one evening it rained and we stayed home."

—IIT—

Have you heard about the engineer that took out a sweater girl and tried to pull the wool over her eyes?

—IIT—

Then there was the social worker making calls in the Negro quarter. At the first house was an unmarried mother of a month old child. There was another of the same age at the second, and the third, and so on to the end of the block. But at the last house she was somewhat startled when the woman reported, "no child." She asked why there was none at this place. "Oh, dar ain't nothin' funny 'bout dat, Ah was sick and didn't go to dat picnic."

—IIT—

She: "And will you never stop loving me?"

Engineer: "Well, I've an eight o'clock class in the morning."

—IIT—

"I'll be tickled if we find a gas station soon; the gas is running low," he said.

Said she, "I suppose I'll be tickled if we don't."

—IIT—

Road signs are frequently prophetic. For example:

- "Soft shoulders"
- "Dangerous curves"
- "Men at work"
- "Danger"
- "Look out for children"

—IIT—

Remember that although beauty is only skin deep, we aren't cannibals.

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V-12 VETS

JOHN JACKSON SCOTT

John Jackson Scott came to the V-12 in January, 1944 and started his training at George Williams College.

Scoty, as his friends call him, hails from Boston. Before entering the Navy he was going to Northeastern University where he had enrolled for a five year course. After going to school here for a year, John decided to work in the shipyards. However he worked for only five months before he enlisted in the Navy.

John received his boot training at Great Lakes and after eight weeks of training he was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, to study ordnance. He finished school here in January, 1943, with a 3/c A.D.M. rating. His next station was a gun school at the Oldsmobile plant at Lansing, Michigan. Here he studied the operation of 37/mm, 20/mm, and 50 caliber guns.

After completing his training at Lansing, "Scotty" was sent to Norfolk, Virginia. There he worked out with a fighter squadron before he was assigned to the newly commissioned carrier, Yorktown.

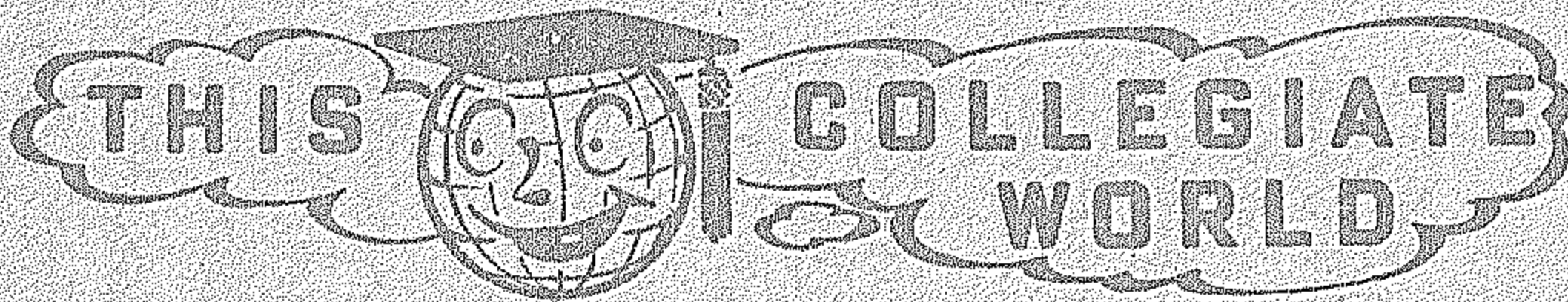
They then went on a shakedown cruise which was a trip to Trinidad. Their next assignment was to report to Pearl Harbor and then to the center of the Pacific. Here they raided Marcus, Wake, Makin, and Tarawa. While raiding Tarawa they were attacked for seven hours by torpedo bombers and were at General Quarters for two days.

On raids they spent three or four days at each island. The longest time they were out to sea was a month and a half. John was also in the vicinity of the Lexington when it was sunk by torpedoes.

In January of 1944 he was transferred off ship to Pearl Harbor and then sent back to the states into V-12. He came to IIT last semester and is in Quarters #6.

John Jackson Scott holds the Pacific and American theaters of war with two stars.

—GEORGE MARTINKO



As reported in this column last week, Dr. Edward J. Sparling has been ousted from the presidency of the Central YMCA by the board of directors. Dr. Sparling claims that his ouster was due to his refusal to impose racial restrictions at Central "Y". Latest developments in the case are the following: A meeting was held last Wednesday at which, by a vote of 448 to 2, the students of the college decided to support Dr. Sparling and separate from Central "Y". They plan to merge with the new Thomas Jefferson College scheduled to open in the fall. This action followed the mass resignation on Tuesday of 55 out of a total of 75 faculty.

There was no comment from the board of directors. The readers of this column are left to form their own opinions as to what's going on at Central "Y".

As at IIT, schools all over the nation reported memorial services for the late President Roosevelt a week ago Friday. The general comment of student bodies throughout the nation was "F.D.R., the student's friend!"

Bond bidding for the Dogemobile, a '27 Buick "Limousine" with umpteenth passenger capacity, began at \$5,000 at Stanford University. The previous year's winning bid was \$12,000. This was part of their effort to top the quota of \$27,000 in the Sixth War Loan Drive. Dates with campus notables were auctioned, and Kleenex and a carton of cigarettes were added attractions.

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