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V-12'ers Future

The naval trainees in the V-12 program are at the present undergoing a transition period. This period of unrest, due to the sudden ending of the war, has caused some trainees to jeopardize their standing in the V-12 program.

Originally, the plans set up by the Bureau of Personnel for the V-12 called for a continuation of the program until all the men had completed the equivalent of eight semesters. True to this plan the sixth, seventh, and eighth term men will graduate as scheduled and continue, under the present directives, to earn their commissions and subsequently be discharged.

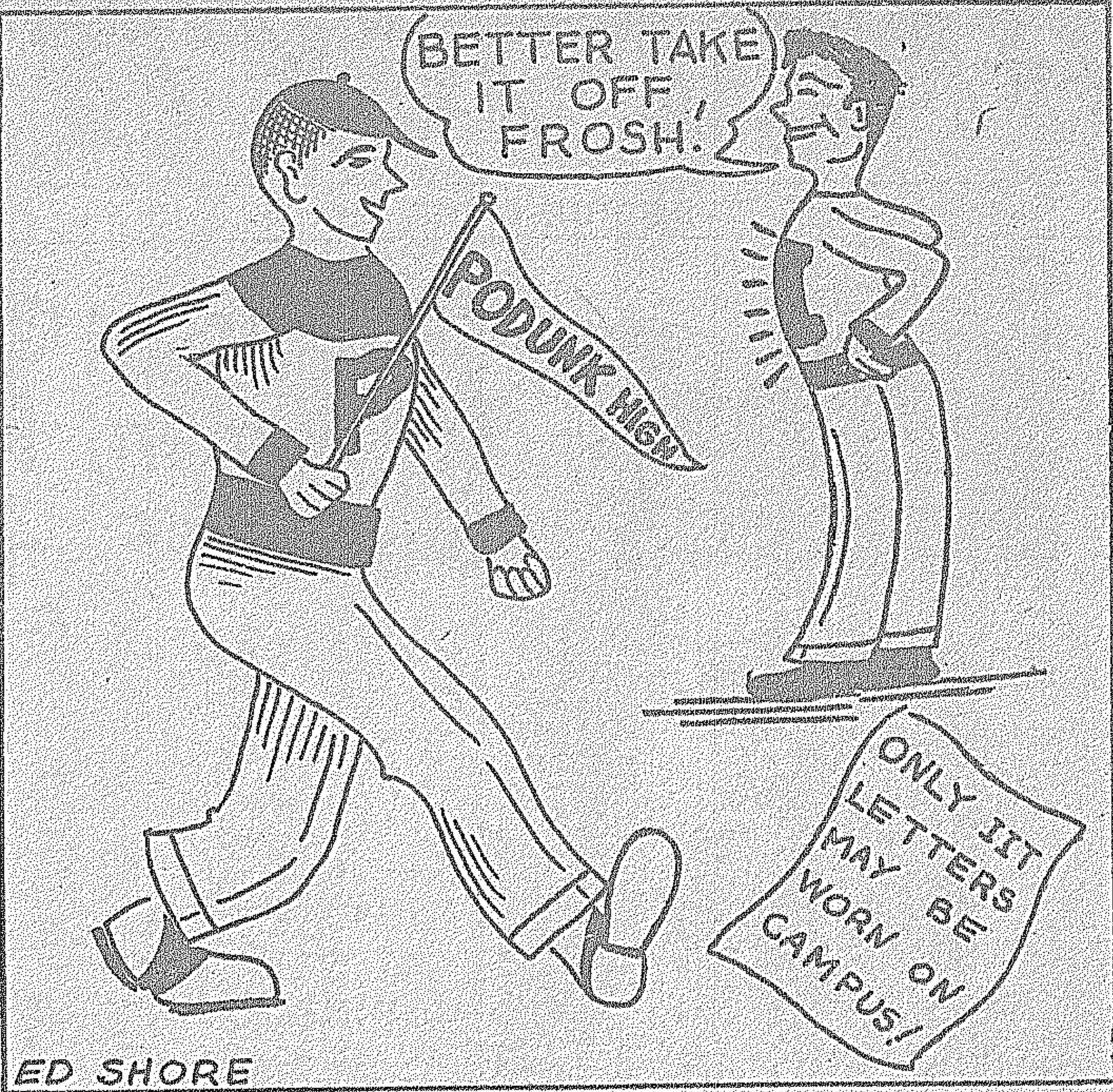
Now, because of the pressure from Congress to wind up war-time activities and to allow the schools in the program to return to the two-semester schedule, the program, as such, will be ended Nov. 1. As a consequence fifth semester men will be automatically transferred to NROTC, as of that date, to finish their remaining semesters.

This means that fifth semester men will have to take thirty hours of naval courses in three semesters—that is under existing Bureau bulletins, the last of which was received by the registrar's office a week ago.

The navy office has stated that many men have hastily interpreted this as final, and have decided that, as long as they would be forced to take so many naval courses, they would drop out of the V-12 program. These men are advised, by the same source, to "sit tight—do not jeopardize your standing by slacking off now."

Lt. R. F. Sessions has stated that important decisions as to the disposal of the men are being made known as soon as they are received. The Bureau, he reminded, has a tremendous and arduous task to perform. It will take a little time for matters to be smoothed out.

It has been heard from national reports that it can do.



Techman Talking...

R. W. Sauer, Instructor in Civil Engineering

One half of a dream, which was conceived as far back as 1941, has been made real in the bringing together of the South and West Side Campuses of Illinois Institute of Technology just a few weeks ago. This, some say, was done too hurriedly. I agree that the crowded facilities as they exist at present are not desirable, but I do see the blue sky behind this cloud. In fact, the completion of the second half of the dream has been expedited greatly because we are crowded at present.



When I first arrived on this campus in September of 1939 residences, factories and stores seemed to have the school helplessly hemmed in, and no one was particularly thinking of any great expansion. With the merger of Armour and Lewis Institutes, the dream I have mentioned was born, — a great institution, one campus, modern buildings, — Illinois Institute of Technology in its finished form. Student and faculty members alike dreamed great dreams and saw great visions. These dreams and visions are now in the process of consummation. Because of the war building has of necessity been slow until present. A program was proposed which outlined the building program for such a time when restrictions on materials were lifted. These restrictions are now off, however, the program has been revised, due to the consolidation of campuses, giving priority to some of the buildings housing classes and greatly accelerating the whole schedule.

val sources that it is possible that all thirty hours might not be required. This would make it likely that the man could attain his degree through little added effort. One point which is sometimes overlooked by trainees is that the naval courses may be substituted for electives in credit for a degree. Undoubtedly the restrictions enforced during war-time, which hamper many activities of the trainee, will be relaxed. As for conditions here, IIT will have one of the most up-to-date ordnance labs and general facilities in NROTC in the country.

College Football

With the increase in student enrollment and the starting of the new building program, Illinois Tech is rapidly becoming comparable to some of the best colleges in the country.

But there is one thing lacking here which is prevalent at all colleges. This is regular collegiate athletic competition in football.

Why is this? One explanation is that there are not adequate facilities available and another might be that the Director of Athletics, John J. Schommer, is burdened down by work which is entirely divorced from his position. He is

There are now at IIT men

who would be tops on any college football team. The only drawback seems to be funds for athletic equipment and training facilities.

There are two possibilities for obtaining the equipment besides purchasing it new. One is the gear stored at the University of Chicago which was used by their now defunct football team, the other is obtaining the equipment through the navy from some pre-flight school which was formerly in existence.

Schommer's main argument against football is that if there is a team here, he wants it to be tops at the start. Even with our inadequate facilities we can establish a team which, although it will not have a schedule comparable to the Big 9 teams, will indicate that football will build up from year to year to a scale which may equal any college in the nation.

A solution of the problem of finding a coach will be found in the person of Ch. Sp. (A) Osterbrock, who has played college football.

With Schommer's consent and the school's backing, a football team can be started here if the school will open up their eyes to the fact that there is more to a college than slide-rules and handbooks.

Man Of The Week

Phil Jansen, Former Co-op, Is Oldest Alpha Sig on Campus

This week the "Man of the Week" spotlight shines on Philip Jansen, Jr., eighth term naval trainee in mechanical engineering. Phil, whose home is in Riverside, Ill., began his studies at IIT as a co-op student in September, 1942. When the navy V-12 program began in July, 1943, he was among the first group of trainees stationed here.

Jansen has been very active in extra-curricular activities. As a freshman he was vice-president of the co-op class, and a member of the co-op social committee. He also pledged Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and he is president of the fraternity this term, having been treasurer last term. Phil is currently the oldest member in the fraternity.

Among his many other activities, Phil is senior class treasurer, a member of the Honor Board, ASME, and the Interfraternity Council. He has been active in athletics, having been on the very successful track team last semester, and he has par-



ticipated in intramurals and fraternity sports.

Overshadowing his other naval activities was the appointment of Jansen to the rank of Lt. Commander in charge of Battalion 2. Since he is the senior officer in Quarters #7, Phil is also the MAA of that quarters. Previously, Jansen was mail clerk, section leader, and assistant MAA during his junior year.

He is very capable scholastically, to which his 1.87 average attests. Phil is looking forward to resuming his former hobby of model railroading after his discharge.

He is interested in the field of research and development, and, after his release from the navy, he may go to Denver, Colorado, to follow this field.

If the opportunity arises, Phil will go after a B.S. in Electrical Engineering to supplement his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering which he will get at the end of this term.

—WILLIAM CHARLTON



Bob Hope has his Bing Crosby, the Cubs have their Cardinals, the Democrats have the Chicago Tribune, and Techmen have the Steamshovel. We could alter the old saying and say, "Into every life a little dirt must fly." This is the purpose of the dear old Shovel. If anyone has been doing little things he shouldn't have, and we haven't taken proper notice of it, we apologize for the omission and promise to improve.

Undoubtedly the most fertile Steamshovel ground of the past week was the Autumn Nocturne, but we must limit ourselves to only the more choice items, for fear of running out of space. First, there's Don Elliott, who had his share of troubles at the "brawl." It seems Don is engaged to a little Chicago lass and had planned to take her. Unfortunately, after the bid had been bought and all other arrangements made, the love of his life was unable to attend. Don was not daunted though; he hid himself to the Servicemen's Center and proceeded to pick up a cute quail. She wore an engagement ring too, and at the dance everyone mistook her for the real thing. Don isn't much good at explaining things like this, and his face fell two feet every time someone said, "Oh, so this is her."

Not that the dance got dull, but to pass the pause that refreshes between dances Don Gipple, Cal Zehnder, and Charley Figue tried something different. It was probably the first time that spin the bottle was ever played on the dance floor at a Tech race. Even after the waiter took the bottle away, the game went on unimpeded.

Joe Ferran received a well-deserved compliment that same Saturday. His date was that well known woman about campus, Shirley Sexton. Joe was trying earnestly to win the prize for the couple with the "most married look," but had cold water thrown on his schemes when Shirley came up with, "He looks too much like Errol Flynn to be married."

Just to tie the column together slightly, we can dig another one about Miss Sexton. Did you ever see a man and wife standing alone together; notice how the wife flecks imaginary specks off the husband's lapels, smoothes wrinkles in his shirt, straightens his hair. Well, Shirley was seen giving with this wifey treatment to Al Dimoff in front of the Student Union last week. Al just stood there with his pleased grin working overtime.

Not so well off is Chuck Hatstat. Chuck brought his girl in at the wee small hour of 2 a.m. one weekend and her mother got peeved. The next week he was asked to leave the house, and was denied the privilege of her company for several weeks. "But I was allowed to call her on the phone," says Hatstat.

Chuck Allen has the situation much better in hand. He claims to have Sylvia's parents so well trained that the lights can be put out at any time without the slightest bit of unpleasantness. No doubt he takes advantage of the situation often, for every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday he is seen wending his way to Cicero. But why, Charley, did you push Sylvia off her chair onto the floor at the Autumn Nocturne?

"How to Make an Enemy" department. There comes in every person's life the time when he must have a nick-name. Accordingly, the Shovel has unearthed a few of the more interesting ones: Call John Haney "Buttercup," or Marty Johnson "Buzz-Boy"; try "Beans" on Arlene Hagen, and "Flash" on Jack Capron; then there's "Trigger" Watson, and Don "Butterball" Wing.

Dan Cupid has been busy on campus lately; the Shovel has followed him around to pick up news of several engagements. Eleanor Berta of the News Bureau and Mary Shannon from the Registrar's Office both have decorations on their left hands. Also, of course, Bill Kneen and "his" secretary have pledged to each other.

We have now come to the end of another Steamshovel, and though much has been left unsaid, space limitations force us to close. The next time you're doing something you shouldn't, look behind you and the dear old shovel will be right there waiting to get the dirt.

—THE SHILLELAGH