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George S. Speer

Earlier in the semester George S. Speer was appointed by President Henry T. Heald as the head of the new Psychological Institute. To most of the students at IIT this appointment meant next to nothing, especially since his offices were to be at the downtown campus. In fact, the only comment heard about it was merely a signing resignation to another "of the numerous, long "handled," branches of the university.

But the background of Mr. Speer is something else again. His previous position was with the Central YMCA College in downtown Chicago, and his record there makes him more than an asset to IIT.

It will be remembered that last spring the President of that college, Edward J. Sparling, was dismissed by the board of trustees, the reason for that dismissal being lost in the bedlam that followed. Mr. Sparling's public announcement that the true reason for his dismissal was his refusal to comply with certain racial discriminations imposed on him by the board.

Immediately there arose among faculty and students alike the demand for reinstatement of President Sparling and the abolition of such discriminatory practices. The demand was refused. So, as if by one mind, students refused to return to school and approximately three-fourths of the faculty resigned. The school collapsed and exists now under the name of Roosevelt College entirely divorced from the YMCA and its anti-social school board.

After the school was disbanded the YMCA asked a committee of men from the University of Chicago, Northwestern and Illinois Tech to investigate the charges. The committee, of whom President Heald was a member, found they were without basis. Questioned about this report, Mr. Speer said that the men on the board of trustees for the school

Man Of The Week

Roy Schimmelpfening Is Active In Band, Baseball, Alpha Sigs

Due to his well-known athletic ability, among his other talents, Roy "Sam" Schimmelpfening has been selected as "Man of the Week."

A senior in mechanical engineering, and a trainee in the navy V-12 program, Roy came to IIT in July, 1943. He had previously studied for a year at Michigan State College.



His first semester in this unit was spent at George Williams College, where he was a platoon commander as well as MAA of the fourth deck. When he was transferred to this campus, Roy was quartered in House #2, where he was mate of the deck for a semester.

Shortly after his arrival here Roy joined the band, and eventually he was selected for Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity. He is now lieutenant (j.g.) in charge of the band, having been honored by the appointment at the beginning of this semester.

As a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, Roy has helped his social

fraternity win a number of basketball and touch football championships.

Roy's greatest interest is baseball. As a member of the varsity team, he has earned two major letters as an outfielder. He pitched one game which he won. His batting average in 1944 was .300, and this year .500, which is above average in any league. Last season Roy hit a home run that landed alongside the Main Building. He also hit two homers over the wall at Michigan City Prison.

After his first season of baseball, Roy was pledged to Honor I, honorary athletic fraternity. He is a versatile athlete, having played four different positions on the championship softball team of the Chicago Area Servicemen's League.

Roy, who is a member of the ASME, will receive his B.S. degree at the end of this semester, after which he will be commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Founded in the South, Pi Kaps Are Now Large National Group

A small but earnest group of college students on Dec. 10, 1904, in Charleston, S. C., founded Pi Kappa Phi fraternity to perpetuate their common ideals. Despite rigid anti-fraternity legislation in South Carolina the founding fathers were determined to have Pi Kappa Phi become a national organization.

On Dec. 29, 1906, these men, together with those whom they had added to their membership list in the two intervening years, met to adopt the draft of a constitution and laws which provided for a national organization. Incorporation as a national college fraternity was granted by South Carolina on December 23, 1907.

The fraternity grew rapidly, and chapters of Pi Kappa Phi were established on campuses of colleges and universities throughout the country, at the present time there are over forty active and twenty alumni chapters.

On May 5, 1935, Alpha Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi was established on the Armour campus, which is now known as Illinois Institute of Technology. This was achieved by

the absorption of the Beta Chapter of Beta Psi after two organizations had agreed that their ideals were similar.

Beta Chapter of Beta Psi was chartered at Armour in 1924 and was always an influential fraternity. Alpha Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has continued the fine reputation set by Beta Psi. It has a strongly knit alumni organization and has enthusiastic activities and pledges. In spite of the fact that its house has been given up to the navy, the Alpha Phi Chapter has continued its active participation in school life. The fraternity holds weekly meetings and has maintained a policy of conducting one or more social events each month. Constant encouragement is also offered to greater scholastic achievement.



"SONNY" WEISSMAN broke his arm on the first play of the first game of the season playing quarterback for the DePaul University in his junior year. . . . PROF. HARRY McCORMACK earned a varsity halfback position on the Drake University football team while only a freshman. He was elected captain of the team in his junior year. . . . Lt. Cmdr. R. F. SESSIONS won letters in hockey, track, and baseball while at Stanford University. . . . JACK RISSMAN, junior chemical, was a prisoner of war in Bulgaria for four and a half months. . . . PROF. PHIL HUNTLY played four years of football at the University of Arkansas without a substitution. . . . GRANT STENGER was an all-state football selection while a student at Naperville, Ill., High School.

were notoriously anti-Negro, but that as a board they appeared to function without discrimination. To accomplish their own ends they would declare a recess during a board meeting, dictate the objectionable orders to Sparling off the record, and then reconvene without ever leaving their chairs!

Mr. Speer was one of those faculty members who handed in his resignation for the fur-

therment of a principle. The devotion to an ideal that will cause a man to resign his position rather than to act contrary to his conscience is to be applauded.

Though Mr. Speer could have been dean of men at the new Roosevelt College, he chose to come to Illinois Tech, where he is welcomed with open arms as a man with a mind of his own.

THIS COLLEGIATE WORLD

A party given by the faculty is an old tradition at Stout Institute in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The purpose of the party is to acquaint the students and faculty with each other. To accomplish this, various games are played and the students see the human side of their profs before they meet them in class.

A mammoth circus will be given by the students of the University of South Carolina to raise money to renovate the campus chapel. The program is replete with surprises and thrills, "guaranteed to bring laughs to all knowledge-weary people." In the show, faculty members will appear as clowns and also side-show attractions; can-can girls will be recruited from the student body; and a "Mr. Carolina" contest will be held.

A question of national importance, that of sex education on a college campus, was asked of students of Iowa State Teachers College. Of significant interest is the fact that upperclassmen were usually in favor of free class discussion of sex while underclassmen were against it. One freshman girl said, "I don't think it would be necessary, for at seventeen I'm not thinking much about those problems."

Recently a group of co-eds from North Central College at Naperville, Illinois, "invaded" the local soda emporium. Cold fudge and roasted nuts flew fast and thick as the girls gave vent to their long suppressed desire, that of making their own sodas, sundaes, et al. The cokes tasted like Alka-Seltzer, and strawberry sundaes turned out to be cherry cokes, but with ice cream bespattered jeans the girls happily turned to doing their own dishes after their appetites for food and adventure were satisfied.

—AL KUKRAL



To inject a bit of humor into a sad column: What has four wheels and flies? A garbage wagon! But let us not piddle, when there is so much to tell about so many. The real business of the Steamshovel starts now.

Paul Dotzenroth was waiting for the bus a few weeks ago, and he started a conversation with a man who was waiting also. He asked Paul's name and then Paul asked his. "Sternberg" was the answer. Then the bus came; the conversation continued. Paul then asked Mr. Sternberg's first name; it was Elias.

Finally Mr. Sternberg asked Dotzenroth the year in school he was in and his course of study. Naturally, Paul asked him the same questions. "I am a teacher in the CE department and have a Ph.D. degree," said Prof. Sternberg.

The usually sedate and reserved Robert Hall Jenkins has revised his attitude toward women. Bob, who is just a shy boy at heart, was dragged from behind the curtains separating the light rooms from the dark ones no less than four times at the recent Octoball. He wasn't in there watching his date's glow-in-the-dark gardenia.

Little Joe Wasserman is going absent-minded. Last Tuesday he walked toward the mailbox with a letter and gloves in his hand. As he was walking away, little Joe let out with a yell. He had mailed his gloves and was trying to put his hand in the letter.

Have you ever been chased by a woman? Let me tell you a story. This will be interesting, very interesting. It's about Mart Gabriel, who is being plagued by a woman in La Grange. Mart goes over to see her to be greeted by, "Won't you come in, my folks aren't home." Now our boy Mart is the kind who doesn't like to start evil whisperings, so he settles for a safe game of tennis out in the open. This happens not once, not twice, but three times. The woman really wants to get him alone.

Ever hear the one about the guy and his gal who went into the dark room to see what developed? This is what happened last week as the constituents of Armour Eye were ostensibly painting their club rooms. Cal Zehnder and Shirley Sexton lost themselves in a darkroom for 15 minutes during the evening. Later on, he walked her to the street car and came back 45 minutes later. "No street car," says he, simply.

Some people will do anything for money. But it took \$1.25 collected from a group of men gathered in the lunchroom to talk Al Dimoff into a marshmallow sundae facial. Everybody chipped in 25c and Al held out his face while DeWitt Pickens pushed the plate of ice cream all over the front of his head. Al scraped the marshmallow off his face and collected his hard-earned cash.

Prof. Goodman was forced by modesty to teach his naval machinery class in an overcoat last week. The zipper on his trousers got all fouled up in the open position and all his mechanical engineering couldn't fix it. The overcoat solution was satisfactory except that it got warm and all the windows in the room were thrown open while the class rocked with glee, and froze.

Everybody was congratulating Dick Nesladek at Oh Henry two weeks ago. The woman he was with was the clinging vine type, and her amorous actions towards Dick were approved by all after seeing the large engagement ring on her finger. Unfortunately, things were not so smooth, for Dick had not given it to her.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Howie MacAdam. Howie has been on the loose for 16 weeks in Chicago and has not met any women. His buddies say he is a swell guy, nice personality, doesn't drink, smoke, or swear, and hasn't got B.O., yet he has no luck. Take the case of the girl he met at the Service Center; after an evening of dancing, she excused herself with, "I must go home with my girl friends." And the nurse who would rather go home alone. I guess life can be miserable.

Thus another term comes to a close and this is the last Shovel column this semester. We've enjoyed digging the dirt and hope you have been entertained reading it. For those that made the column, "Have your tickets ready please."

—THE SHILLELAGH